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Congratulatory Letters Presented
to Dr. Bradford J. Tucker
on the Occasion of His
Retirement.....

CONGRATULATORY LETTERS

PRESENTED TO

DR. BRADFORD J. TUCKER

On The Occasion of His Retirement

As

Dean of Instruction

At

East Central Community College

June 30, 1991

EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

DECATUR, MISSISSIPPI 39327

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

February 28, 1991

601-635-2111

Dr. Brad Tucker, Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Dr. Tucker:

Certainly a brief letter cannot communicate all that I would like to express to you as you leave the position of dean of instruction of East Central Community College. The thoughts and memories that span our thirty (30) years of association could occupy volumes.

No one else but me has been a student under your supervision, a fellow dean of instruction, and then a president with you as dean at the institution from which we both graduated! I can assure you that I was the one who benefited in all of these relationships.

Brad, I'll never forget the help and direction you gave me as a student. You were the authority figure I needed while at ECJC.

Then, you greatly assisted me so many times during my tenure as a dean. I had a great mentor!

To come to East Central as president with you as dean of instruction was, indeed, a great blessing for me. You have helped me beyond measure. And, you have been kind, supportive, and patient even in difficult times.

Certainly I, personally, regret that you'll be leaving us. But, such regret is only selfish on my part. I hope that you will have many, many years of enjoyable retirement. Nobody deserves it more!

Though I won't be seeing you on a daily basis, you'll always be that "Dean of Deans" who helped a poor, unlearned kid from Winston County make "a little something" out of his life.

God bless.

Sincerely,



Eddie M. Smith
President

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EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

DECATUR, MISSISSIPPI 39327

March 1, 1991

Dr. Brad Tucker
Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Dr. Tucker:

East Central Community College has been greatly enriched by your presence for more than forty years. Our college is ranked among the best (in my opinion, the best) anywhere in the nation. As Dean of Instruction, your many contributions to this institution have contributed to its success. East Central has always looked and depended on you for your wisdom, your intelligence, and your positive attitude. I cease to be amazed by the many talents that you possess.

As the search continues for the new Dean of Instruction, I'm sure the committee keeps asking themselves, "Where is another Brad Tucker?" If they were to ask me this question, I have the answer. There is no other Brad Tucker!!

As chairman and on the behalf of the Board of Trustees, I want to thank you for your dedication and many years of service to this great institution.

Words cannot express what your friendship means to me. Faye and I want to congratulate you and Mary on having the Vocational Complex named in your honor. I am looking forward to participating in this dedication.

I hope your retirement is as wonderful, as it should be.

With warmest personal regards,

"Bubba" Hudspeth

H. B. (Bubba) Hudspeth, Chairman
Board of Trustees

HBH:las



February 13, 1991

Dr. Bradford J. Tucker
East Central Community College
Decatur, Ms. 39327

Dear Brad:

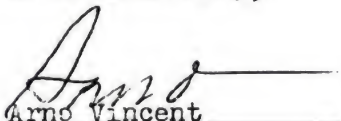
I am honored to have this opportunity to express my joy in joining your many friends in the celebration of your retirement. Ruth and I hope that we can be present on this memorable occasion.


We recall with great pleasure having been with you during your early years at East Central and observing the dedication and effectiveness of the work that resulted in your rise to Mississippi's premier college dean.

We are indebted to you for the masterful job which you have done in planning the Homecoming and other Activities for the past several years.

We hope that you will enjoy your retirement as much as we have.

Yours Sincerely,


Arno Vincent





STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

RAY MABUS
GOVERNOR

February 14, 1991

Dr. Bradford J. Tucker
Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
Box 58
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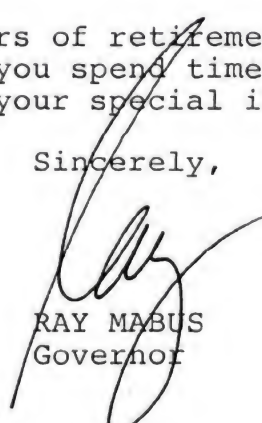
Dear Dr. Tucker:

Julie and I would like to take this opportunity to extend our congratulations and best wishes to you on your retirement May 17, 1991.

You are to be commended for your outstanding contributions to the field of education during your many years of service to your community and the State of Mississippi. Few educators are so dedicated. Your talents will be truly missed.

Our wish is that your years of retirement will be enjoyable and memorable as you spend time with your family and friends and pursue your special interests.

Sincerely,


RAY MABUS
Governor

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State of Mississippi

Brad Dye
Lieutenant Governor



Jackson

February 13, 1991

Dr. Bradford J. Tucker
Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
Decatur, Mississippi 39327

Dear Dr. Tucker:

It is with mixed emotions that I write you today to congratulate you on your retirement from East Central Community College. Your dedicated and outstanding leadership will be greatly missed by the College, your community, and the State of Mississippi.

I deeply regret that I am unable to attend the dinner in your honor on Saturday, April 11, 1991, and share this very special occasion with you.

This period of your life is indeed a time of reflection upon your vast accomplishments during the span of your forty years at East Central Community College. Serving in the position of dean longer than any of the present college and university deans in the State of Mississippi is certainly an achievement to be proud of.

May God richly bless you as you embark on a new horizon in your life.

Yours most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Brad Dye", written over a horizontal line.

Brad Dye

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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

SECRETARY OF STATE



DICK MOLPUS
POST OFFICE BOX 136
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI 39205
TELEPHONE (601) 359-1350

February 8, 1991

Dr. Bradford J. Tucker
Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
Decatur MS 39327

Dear Dr. Tucker:

I was recently informed that you will be retiring as the Dean of Instruction at East Central Community College on May 17, 1991.

After serving in your position for thirty years, longer than any of the present college and university deans in the State of Mississippi, it is most fitting that you are being honored by your friends and associates at East Central Community College. Please allow me to commend you for your faithful and genuine service to your students, colleagues and community through the years. Today, East Central is an outstanding institution because of your vision and dedication.

It is an understatement to say that the college will miss your leadership; however, the influence that you had on the school will be remembered for ages to come.

Congratulations on your retirement--enjoy it to the fullest. If I or my staff can ever be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dick Molpus", written in a cursive style.

Dick Molpus

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CHARLIE D. BRACKEEN
BRIGADIER GENERAL
ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
MILITARY DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
JACKSON

February 22, 1991

Dean Bradford J. Tucker
East Central Community College
Decatur, Mississippi 39327

Dear Brad:

Let me take this opportunity to congratulate you on your upcoming retirement. That is something I am looking forward to doing myself in the not too distant future.

As I think back on the many years we had together at East Central, I especially remember all the many discipline committee meetings we were involved in together. I always felt that you had an understanding of the student's problem and also that you had their interest in mind when making a decision. I would just like to say thank you for helping make my job a little easier and more enjoyable.

Charlotte and I would wish you and Mary many happy years of retirement and we look forward to getting together with you two again when we retire and get back to Newton County.

Sincerely,

Denver Brackeen
Denver Brackeen



STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES

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February 22, 1991

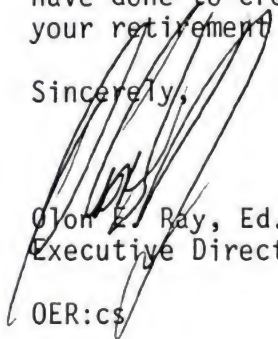
Dr. Brad Tucker, Dean
East Central Community College
P. O. Box 129
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Dr. Tucker:

Congratulations on the occasion of your retirement. Your years of unselfish and distinguished service have earned you an excellent reputation as a leader and mentor in Mississippi's community college family. On behalf of our Board, I wish to congratulate you for the years of outstanding service you have given to Mississippi's community colleges and to the people of our state.

I extend to you my personal expression of appreciation for all you have done to create better community college programs. I trust that your retirement will be enjoyable and productive.

Sincerely,



Oron E. Ray, Ed.D.
Executive Director

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February 28, 1991

Dr. Bradford J. Tucker
Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
Decatur, Mississippi 39327

Dear Dr. Tucker:

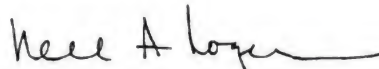
I consider myself very fortunate to have attended East Central Community College because of the academic rigor which was practiced there by the instructional staff. I can recall, with both pleasure and satisfaction, the broad intellectual challenges posed in classroom lectures and subsequent discussion as well as the personal commitments of the staff to assist students individually in their studies, encouraging us to think critically and pursue scholarly interests.

In the intervening years, I have continued to observe this commitment to excellence in teaching by East Central Community College, a commitment which has remained in place despite growing demands on the college's resources and a dwindling financial base from which to operate. Certainly, your leadership as dean of instruction has been central to these practices.

Your insistence on quality -- whether in program design, instructional effectiveness or student performance -- has been a valuable asset to the college and to the students who have relied on the school for their grounding in academic life. I am both personally and professionally appreciative that such standards were set and have continued in place. The challenge to the college, upon your departure, will be to maintain these levels of expectation.

East Central Community College has been distinguished by your service and, of ultimate and lasting importance, students over the past thirty years have been exposed to the pleasures and possibilities which derive from serious academic inquiry, both circumstances resulting from your guidance as dean of instruction.

Sincerely,



Nell A. Rogers, Member
State Board for Community and Junior
Colleges
Third Congressional District



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February 1, 1991

Dr. Bradford J. Tucker
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Dr. Tucker:

I have learned of your retirement plans as Dean of Instruction at East Central Community College, and I can only wish you the very best in the future.

Literally thousands of students from the 18th Senate District have had the pleasure of participating in your classes, and I know that I speak for all of those students in wishing you the very best in your "new life".

I am well aware of your loyalty to East Central, not only as an instructor, but also, having attended the institution yourself.

East Central Mississippi will forever acknowledge not only what you have done in the classroom, but will recognize your influence on the entire East Central Family as we know it today.

Again, I wish you the very best, and if I may be of any assistance to you in any manner, please do not hesitate to call upon me. Thank you so much for your dedicated service through the years.

Your friend,

TERRY L. JORDAN

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SHELTON "BUCK" BOUNDS

District 44
Neshoba County
528 Pinehurst Street
Philadelphia, Mississippi 39350



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February 28, 1991

Dr. Bradford J. Tucker
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Dr. Tucker:

It is with mixed emotions that I write this letter. I want to be one of the many to congratulate you on your retirement, but on the other hand your loss as an educator in Mississippi and especially at E.C.C.C. will be greatly felt. Not only will the college and the educational world miss you, I'm sure that after such a long and successful career in the world of education that you will miss it also.

The results of your influence on the many, many young people that you have come in contact with over this long period of time will be evidenced and remembered for an unforgettable period of time.

Certainly this occasion honoring you upon your retirement is a most fitting endeavor, and I feel humble in being a part of it by offering my congratulations and wishing you the best in whatever path you may choose to follow. May God be with you and may much happiness await you in the golden years of your life.

Looking forward to our next meeting, I remain

Sincerely,

Shelton "Buck" Bounds

Shelton "Buck" Bounds
State Representative
District 44, Neshoba County

RAYMOND COMANS

District 78
Newton and Neshoba Counties
P. O. Box 272
Decatur, Mississippi 39327



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February 28, 1991

Dr. Bradford J. Tucker
Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
Decatur, Mississippi 39327

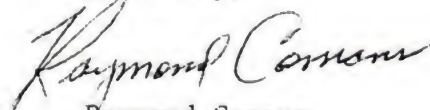
Dear Brad:

My association with you over the years has been a rewarding and enjoyable experience. I have always agreed with your decisions regarding legislative matters and we have been fortunate to see eye-to-eye over the years.

Your many years of dedicated service to the students and faculty at East Central Community College will be remembered for many years. Your hard work and dedication to the educational system are admired by many and you will be missed.

I wish for you and your loved ones the very best.

Sincerely,


Raymond Comans

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D. C.

THAD COCHRAN
MISSISSIPPI

February 15, 1991

Dr. Bradford J. Tucker
Dean, East Central Community College
Decatur, Mississippi 39327

Dear Dr. Tucker:

Best wishes for you in your retirement after so many years in our state educational system, especially the past 37 years at East Central Community College.

I join your family, friends, colleagues, and students in saluting you for the dedication and outstanding service you have rendered in providing educational opportunities for those who have come to the East Central campus. The college and community are better places due to your leadership and efforts in the field of education.

I wish you luck in the future.

Sincerely,

THAD COCHRAN
United States Senator

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-2403

February 20, 1991

Dr. Bradford T. Tucker
Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
Decatur, Mississippi 39327

Dear Dr. Tucker:

I regret that I will not be able to attend the banquet in your honor, April 11, 1991. Your service in education has been exemplary in every position you have filled to provide leadership and direction.

The many students having completed the required program of study at East Central Community College are indebted to you for directing such a successful program. Your ability to seek out and provide leadership for competent, dedicated teachers is evident by the growth of academic course offerings during your tenure.

May I take this opportunity to commend you for forty years of outstanding service to this fine institution. The honors received over the years are a tribute to your demonstrated abilities, character, and productivity.

Congratulations for a job well done and my very best wishes for the future.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Trent Lott". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Trent" and last name "Lott" clearly distinguishable.

Trent Lott

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MIKE PARKER

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February 15, 1991

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Dr. Bradford J. Tucker
Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
Box 58
Decatur, Mississippi 39327

Dear Dr. Tucker:

Please accept my congratulations on the occasion of your retirement as the Dean of Instruction at East Central Community College on May 17, 1991. Such an achievement is certainly worthy of celebration.

Your long career as a Mississippi educator is commendable and should be the source of considerable personal pride. It is the commitment and dedication of individuals like you that has contributed to the advancement of Mississippi's educational system. After thirty-seven years with East Central Community College, you are part of the essence of the institution.

Although the college will miss your daily guidance, your influence on the school will undoubtedly be felt well into the next century.

If I may be of assistance to you, please feel free to contact me.

Your friend,

Mike Parker
Member of Congress

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GENE TAYLOR
5TH DISTRICT, MISSISSIPPI

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February 25, 1991

Dr. Bradford J. Tucker
Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College

Dear Dr. Tucker:

On this very special occasion in your honor, I would like to congratulate you on your retirement. As one who has always been a strong supporter of public education while serving as a city councilman, a state senator, and now as a Member of Congress, I especially appreciate your contributions to education.

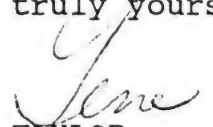
Educators such as yourself, through hard work and selfless dedication, have made a great impact on our state. Through your example, our educational institutions will continue to make progress in educating the citizens of our state. In turn, we can keep our young people at home in Mississippi and create the quality of life that Mississippians deserve.

I would like to join many others in expressing my sincere gratitude for your contributions to East Central Community College and the state as a whole. You have made a mark in public education that will stand as a monument for many years to come.

Margaret and I wish you a very relaxing and happy retirement. You truly deserve it.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very truly yours,


GENE TAYLOR
Member of Congress

*Thank for many years
of service to our state*

Dr. Brad Tucker
ECCC
Decatur, Mississippi 39327

Dear Dr. Tucker,

On May 17, 1991, you are retiring as Dean of Instruction at East Central Community College. You have held this position longer than any of the present deans in the state of Mississippi. Know that I am proud of you because of this milestone and because of all that you have seen happen with ECCC in you forty plus years. Momma and I both know the amount of time, energy and devotion that have put you and East Central where you are today. We are proud of each of your accomplishments because we know how hard you have strived to do the best for your family, your community and ECCC. However, never think for a moment that your work at ECCC is the only reason you are being congratulated with this letter.

For thirty-seven years, ECJC (as it will always be that to me) has been a part of my life. Some of my best memories are of the dairy farm and your agricultural days. I must have stopped by your office just about every day after school and you were always glad to see me and took a few minutes for me. I remember with wonderful thoughts every place we lived on campus- from the dorm to next to the tennis courts to by the Baptist Church. All those buildings are gone now and EC has moved on with progress. Many of those progressive efforts are due in part to you. We have watched you register students until late at night, spend hours talking with "problems" trying to keep them in school and we've seen you spend many nights working on federal grants, handbooks, etc.

We are proud of you especially for what you mean to us. We are excited about your retirement, especially the grandchildren, and look forward to more time together.

I can invasion your retirement as dean but I have difficulty imagining you retired from ECCC. We will see.

Today nobody is more proud of you or loves you more than my mother and me, your daughter. Steve, Sarah, Michael, "Thumper" and I wish you the best as always!

Love,
Beth
Beth

BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE

BLUE MOUNTAIN, MISSISSIPPI 38610

February 21, 1991

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
E. HAROLD FISHER

Dr. Bradford J. Tucker
Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 39327

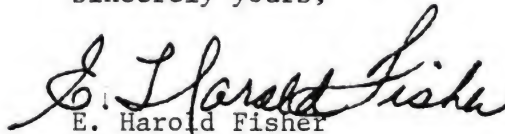
Dear Dr. Tucker:

May I join your many friends in expressing gratitude for the leadership you have provided as Dean of East Central Community College for thirty years. During this period of time you have assisted hundreds of young people in their academic and personal development. You have made a contribution not only to the students at East Central and to the community college itself, but also to the quality of education in the state of Mississippi. Your leadership, dedication and commitment are worthy examples for all of those in higher education to follow. It has been a pleasure for me to have been associated with you through the years. I congratulate you upon the success of your work.

It is difficult to realize what East Central Community College will be like without your leadership as the Dean of Instruction. However, I know the quality of your leadership has been such that the replacement will have a strong foundation upon which to build. You certainly deserve a time for doing some of the things you have postponed doing through the years. I am confident your years of retirement will be as fulfilling as your years of service to the academic community at East Central Community College.

May God bless you and strengthen you in a special way in the days ahead.

Sincerely yours,


E. Harold Fisher
President

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COPIAH-LINCOLN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
WESSON, MISSISSIPPI 39191

Office of the President

May 17, 1991

Dr. Bradford J. Tucker
Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Dr. Tucker:

It is hard to believe that you are retiring after thirty years of service to East Central Community College. On behalf of the entire Copiah-Lincoln family of employees, I want to congratulate you and your family. We have enjoyed and benefitted from your vast knowledge of the two-year college through the years, and we will miss you in the future.

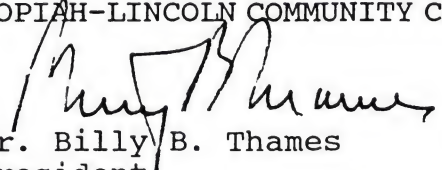
It has been a pleasure to work with you through the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges. The two-year community college family of Mississippi has always had confidence and respect for you and your decisions. We will miss your wise counsel and friendly personality, but certainly want to take this opportunity to wish for you and your family many years of happiness and freedom to do as you please.

We especially want to thank you for the close relationship that you have had with Copiah-Lincoln through Dean B. F. Hunter, Dr. Eddie M. Smith and Dr. Howell C. Garner. They have all had a great respect and admiration for you and your work. We thank you for the good times we have enjoyed at the SACS Conventions when ARA has carried us to dinner. We will continue to remember the little things that have occurred during these special occasions.

We hope you will take time to enjoy some of the things you have been unable to enjoy because of your work.

Sincerely yours,

COPIAH-LINCOLN COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Dr. Billy B. Thames
President

BBT/mbb

The Place To Be.



DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY

Cleveland, Mississippi 38733

Office of the
PRESIDENT

February 12, 1991

Dr. Bradford J. Tucker
East Central Community college
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Dr. Tucker:

Congratulations on your retirement as Dean of Instruction at East Central Community College. You are to be commended for your longevity in this position as well as for the diligence with which you served the students enrolled at East Central Community College.

Delta State University personnel have always been concerned for the junior college transfer student on our campus and we have enjoyed working with you in making the transfer from community college to senior college as smooth as possible for the student. Your dedication to this task and your concern for each student has been evident in our association.

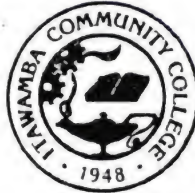
Best wishes for a happy retirement!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kent Wyatt".

Kent Wyatt
President

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

February 6, 1991

Dr. Bradford J. Tucker
Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Dr. Tucker:

Upon the occasion of your retirement, I want to congratulate you on the remarkable job you have done as Dean of Instruction at East Central Community College as well as for your contributions during your teaching years. Because of your dedicated service, commitment, and wise leadership East Central has become one of the outstanding community colleges in the State. Serving as Dean of Instruction for thirty years in the same institution speaks extremely well for you. You are to be commended for your contributions to education.

You take with you a high degree of respect and good wishes from many devoted friends and associates. You are an outstanding educator and a gentleman whom aspiring young people would do well to emulate. I wish for you many happy years and the best in your well-deserved retirement.

Sincerely yours,

W. O. Benjamin

W. O. Benjamin

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Jones County Junior College

Terrell Tisdale
President

ELLISVILLE, MISSISSIPPI 39437

January 31, 1991

Dr. Bradford J. Tucker
Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Dr. Tucker:

On behalf the administration and faculty of Jones Junior College I would like to congratulate you on your retirement.

The last thirty years have seen many changes in Mississippi's community/junior colleges. We at Jones have watched East Central Community College during this time with friendly rivalry and admiration as it has continued to grow and improve on its already excellent base. Your efforts for and commitment to ECCC are to be commended. For it is only through the continual actions of dedicated employees that an institution can maintain such improvement over such a long period of time. Your life-long efforts in the field of education have touched many people. They are, in many ways, our main legacy for our work.

We sincerely hope you find retirement to your liking and enjoy the many years ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Terrell Tisdale".

T. Terrell Tisdale, Ed.D.
President



Mississippi College

CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI 39058

Office of the President

Telephone (601) 925-3201

April 11, 1991

Dr. Bradford J. Tucker
Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Dr. Tucker:

Congratulations upon your forthcoming retirement as Dean of Instruction at East Central Community College.

Your service and dedication to your profession through these many years has been a tremendous influence in the lives of the faculty and students of East Central Community College, and I wish for you health and happiness during your years of retirement.

Sincerely,

Lewis Nobles, President



Mississippi Delta Community College

Moorhead, Mississippi 38761

Office of the President

February 11, 1991

Dr. Bradford J. Tucker
Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Dr. Tucker:

Words cannot express the appreciation that is felt by the junior/community college educators of Mississippi on the contributions you have made throughout your years of service. We all know the countless hours that you have spent in leading, developing, and guiding faculty and students. These groups are the prime beneficiaries of your untold dedication and professionalism in the community college arena.

In conclusion, it can only be said that we can thank God that there was a man like you for this time in the history of Mississippi community colleges. May God bless you and your family and the best of luck in the future.

Sincerely,

David L. Powe
President

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Barry L. Mellinger, President

P.O. Box 67 Perkinston, MS 39573
Telephone: 601/928-5211

February 6, 1991

Dr. Bradford J. Tucker
Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
Decatur, Mississippi 39327

Dear Dr. Tucker:

Congratulations on a well-earned retirement! Your many years of service to education has brought you honor and recognition at East Central Community College and in the State of Mississippi.

Although the pace of retirement will be somewhat slower than you have been accustomed to, I am sure that you will enjoy these retirement years as much as you have enjoyed your work in the past.

All of us at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College wish you a long and happy retirement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barry L. Mellinger".

Barry L. Mellinger
President

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Office of the President

February 5, 1991

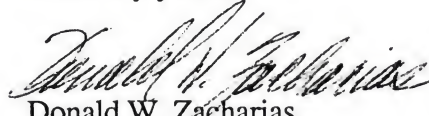
Dr. Bradford J. Tucker
Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Dr. Tucker:

On the eve of your retirement, let me congratulate you for your faithful service to the State of Mississippi. Your teaching and administrative career have touched the lives of hundreds of young people. As president of Mississippi State University, I am extremely proud that you hold three degrees from this institution. We are honored to claim you as an alumnus. I know you are looking forward to many new experiences in your well deserved retirement years.

Again, thank you for all you have done for education in the State of Mississippi.

Sincerely yours,


Donald W. Zacharias
President

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MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Cunningham Boulevard
Booneville, Mississippi 38829
601/728-7751

February 4, 1991

Dr. Bradford J. Tucker
Dean
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Brad:

Congratulations on your years of service in education and best wishes upon your retirement. Your thirty years as dean is a record that I am sure will be unmatched for years to come. The other deans consider you to be "the Dean of Deans". However, the length of employment is not as important as the contributions you made during your tenure. It was my pleasure to work with you for fifteen years while I served as Dean at Northeast. I also remember you prior to that time when we were both agriculture teachers.

One of the contributions in which you may take pride is the adoption of the uniform course numbering system. You served as chairperson of that committee, and the system adopted is one that is unique and innovative in the United States.

We know that you have been too productive to spend all your retirement time in leisure activities and loafing. But at least you can be selective and do the things that are enjoyable. I wish for both you and Mary the very best that life has to offer.

Sincerely,



Joe M. Childers
President



NORTHWEST MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Senatobia, Mississippi 38668

February 6, 1991

Dr. Bradford J. Tucker
Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Dr. Tucker:

I am writing this letter to join the junior and community college family of our state in congratulating you on the occasion of your retirement. As the "Dean of Deans" in our system, I know you have seen much progress and much positive change in the system. Also, I personally know that you have made a significant contribution to our progress and I thank you for all you have done for the community and junior colleges of this state. I know you will be greatly missed at East Central.

I wish you the best of luck and happiness in your retired status and please know that you are always welcome at Northwest Mississippi Community College.

Very sincerely yours,

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

David M. Haraway
David M. Haraway, Ph.D.
President

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PEARL RIVER COLLEGE
POPLARVILLE, MISSISSIPPI 39470-2298

MISSISSIPPI'S PIONEER COMMUNITY COLLEGE

February 5, 1991

Dr. Bradford J. Tucker
Dean of Instruction
EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Decatur, MS, 39327

Dear Dr. Tucker:

Please allow me this opportunity to express to you my personal and professional appreciation for the innumerable contributions that you have made to so many thousands of people across the years.

One of the most important and significant gifts that a man can give to his fellow man is to influence, to the good, the quality of their lives. I think that you have succeeded admirably in this regard, and the many thousands of students, who have had an opportunity to benefit from the sense of direction that you have set through your supervision of instructional program activity, are living testimony to your contribution. A program of studies at the community college level is only successful to the extent that we have assurance of quality; this, to me, has probably been one reason for the success of your programs and students, that you maintained a constant vigilance as to the quality and integrity of the programs under your supervision.

I know that I join many, many others in wishing you the very best as you pursue some additional, and, hopefully, less weighty, interests, but I am keenly aware of the fact that you will always have in your heart a deep and abiding respect and concern for what takes place at East Central Community College. My best wishes go with you at this time in your life, and I know that we will continue (at least, I hope we will) to benefit from your presence and contributions as you see fit to associate with us from time to time as we get together to pursue professional and other interests.

Good luck to you. We will miss you.

Sincerely,

Ted J. Alexander
President

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RUST COLLEGE
HOLLY SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI 38635



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

W. A. McMillan, President
(601) 252-4661

February 7, 1991

Dr. Bradford J. Tucker
Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
Decatur, Mississippi 39327

Dear Dr. Tucker:

This letter comes as one to join hundreds of others who will attest to your success as an Academic Dean for 30 years. Though I have had a chance to know you personally, I have learned through your students and your friends of the great work which you have accomplished in giving leadership to the academic development of East Central Community College for so many years. Those of us in higher education applaud you for your endurance, your quality leadership, your intellectual integrity and your respect for quality education. As you close out this phase of your life and enter a new role, all of us applaud you and your contributions.

May God continue to bless you as you retire from one position and move into another. For one like you will never stop. Keep up the good work and congratulations on your retirement.

Sincerely yours,

W. A. McMillan
President

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

February 8, 1991

Dr. Bradford J. Tucker
Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Brad:

I am pleased to join with your many friends in congratulating you on your retirement from East Central Community College. Your many years of faithful service as a high school teacher and community college faculty member, and long time Dean of Instruction, attest to your dedication and professionalism in your chosen field of work. It was a real pleasure for me to work with you while we both served as Deans some years ago. As this fine relationship has continued through the years, I have always had a great admiration for your integrity, your professional attitude, loyalty to your institution, pride in and support of the entire community and junior college system here in Mississippi. I am certain that East Central Community College and the entire Mississippi system is much better prepared to serve the two year college students of Mississippi because of your many contributions to this system. I know that you will continue to remain interested in the community and junior college program and we covet your continued interest and support.

Brad, as you close out a long and illustrious career in education, may I wish for you and your wife, good health and happiness in the years that lie ahead and we invite you to visit with us at any time that it is convenient for you to do so.

Most sincerely,

Horace
Horace C. Holmes
President

HCH:mm



The University of Mississippi

February 28, 1991

Office of the Chancellor
University, MS 38677
(601) 232-7111

Dr. Bradford J. Tucker
Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Brad:

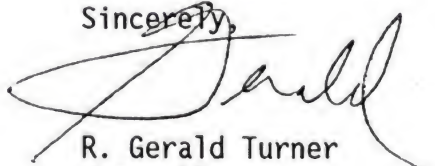
It is with a great deal of pleasure that I join your other friends and colleagues in congratulating you on a job well done and in wishing you the utmost happiness in your retirement years.

When I assumed my duties as Chancellor of the University in 1984, one of my initial goals was to ensure that Ole Miss has a good working relationship with the state's community colleges, that students transferring from our community colleges have no articulation problems, and that the University makes every effort to attract community college graduates to our programs. I quickly learned that I needed only to be concerned with the latter. I also learned that much of the credit for good community college-senior college relations and lack of articulation problems should go to you and the leadership you have provided in the Community College Deans' Association. Establishment of definitive articulation agreements with each of the state's senior institutions, development and publication of the Community College Uniform Course Numbering System, and most recently the development of two-year core curricula for programs offered by our various institutions are a few of the things that can be attributed to your leadership.

You should take a great deal of pride in the quality of education that the faculty at East Central Community College under your leadership have provided students over the years. In observing the successes of your students who transfer to us and in watching the excellent Scholars Bowl teams you send to our campus each year, I am aware that the education students receive at East Central Community College is excellent.

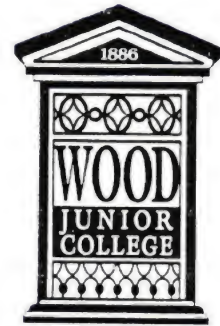
I sincerely appreciate your cooperation and the efforts you have made on behalf of the University and the students who transfer to us from your institution. Best wishes on a long and happy retirement.

Sincerely,



R. Gerald Turner
Chancellor

February 4, 1991



Office of the President

Dr. Bradford J. Tucker
Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Dr. Tucker:

Since I am a new comer to higher education in Mississippi, I have not had the opportunity to become acquainted with you. However, upon your retirement, I do wish to congratulate you on the magnificent work you have done in the field of higher education.

To continue in an administrative position for thirty years in the rapid change of our society speaks well for a person. You are, no doubt, a very mature and secure person to be able to accomplish this feat.

I give my congratulations with high admiration for you and your work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Doyce W. Gunter'.

Doyce W. Gunter
President

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COPIAH-LINCOLN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
WESSON, MISSISSIPPI 39191

DEAN OF INSTRUCTION

February 1, 1991

Dr. Brad Tucker
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Brad,

I take this opportunity to congratulate you on a distinguished career as an educator and particularly as a community college dean. I certainly wish you the very best as you open a new door in your life. I've heard many characterizations of "retirement" and am certainly not clear on the meaning of this word, but I am sure that retirement for you will mean an opportunity to take your qualities of leadership and understanding of life into a new arena. I'm sure that you will enrich the lives of those behind that new door just as you have enriched the educational lives of your fellow deans for many years.

I have truly enjoyed working with you in the Deans Association and in all other shared experiences over the past 16 years. I have always considered you to be the "Dean of Deans" and have appreciated the opportunity to learn from you as we worked together in our respective positions.

Brad, you've touched the lives of many students and associates over the years. Those rich experiences will never be forgotten. God bless as you move forward to the next chapter of your life.

With best personal regards,

Howell C. Garner, Ed.D.
Dean of the College

HCG/bgc



COPIAH-LINCOLN JUNIOR COLLEGE
WESSON, MISSISSIPPI 39191

February 25, 1991
116 Hillcrest Drive
Brookhaven, MS 39601

Mr. Bradford Tucker
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Bradford:

I would like to extend to you my congratulations and best wishes upon your retirement. You have been an inspiration to students, to educators and to the deans. Your many years associated with education, guidance, leadership and your loyal support to the Mississippi Community College Dean's Association will be long remembered.

I have enjoyed your friendship and feel very fortunate to have been associated with you as a friend and leader-educator who exemplifies strong character and influence. You will be missed, but I hope to still have contact with you from time to time.

I hope the retirement years, which you have earned and so richly deserve, will bring you and your family much pleasure and happiness.

Yours sincerely,

B. Frank Hunter
B. Frank Hunter
Dean Emeritus

BFH/mbb

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Dr. Brad J. Tucker
Academic Dean
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 39327

February 4, 1991

Dear Dr. Brad:

Congratulations on your coming retirement! You've had a long ride on the great arrow of time as an educator, and I know you must be looking forward to a respite now with your family and friends.

I feel very honored in sharing a place in your "scrap book" with all the many great people you have known over the years you have dedicated to your profession. I've not been fortunate enough to have known you but a few of those years, but I thank you for the things I've learned during the course of our association. You've been a true inspiration, and I'm proud to have ridden the great arrow with you for a time.

Best Wishes,

PERRY

A. Perry Gaither, III.
Academic Dean
East Mississippi Community College

APG/ms



HINDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

RAYMOND CAMPUS, RAYMOND, MS 39154-9799

OFFICE OF THE ACADEMIC DEAN

February 22, 1991

Dr. Bradford J. Tucker
Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Brad:

Congratulations on your upcoming retirement. What will the deans do without your wit, your clear thinking, and your direct approach to problem-solving? We'll all miss you—that I'm sure of. Even though you may be physically absent from our midst, your legacy will remain. More than anyone else I can think of you have left your mark on community college education in Mississippi.

And a fine mark it is! You are truly the "Dean of Deans." In my relatively brief 21 years at Hinds I have witnessed several landmark innovations in community college education, attributed wholly or in part to your leadership. Among these are the Uniform Course Numbering System and the Uniform Core Curriculum. I'm sure there are others that predate my time here or of which I'm not aware. And, of course, your strong leadership at ECCC has helped make it the fine institution it is today.

But after thirty years of shouldering the responsibility of the office, you are certainly entitled to pass the baton and to enjoy a long retirement. And that's what I wish for you. Fire up the tractor, till the soil, and do the other things the rest of us wish we had time to do. And teach a little on the side. I'm sure Dr. Smith would welcome your occasional presence in the classroom.

Again, congratulations, Brad, and may God bless you.

Sincerely,

J. David Durham
Academic Dean, Raymond Campus

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DEAN OF INSTRUCTION

February 6, 1991

Dr. Bradford J. Tucker
Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Dr. Tucker:

As you retire as the Dean of Instruction at East Central Community College, no one can refute that you have earned your retirement and a place to lie in the sun. However, one will readily be aware of the absence of your profound expertise and guidance in the arena of higher education.

In retrospect, teaching at Benton High School, Newton County Agricultural High School, and East Central Community College was rewarding to you and your students. Teaching was rewarding to you because you did something significant for students and found satisfaction from students growth. Teaching was rewarding to your students because they received irreplaceable knowledge and understanding through your teaching.

As an Administrator at East Central Community College, your stay and work are profoundly documented in three decades of dedicated service to humanity.

As you retire, there will be a real and palpable loss to East Central Community College and the Mississippi Public Community and Junior College Academic Deans' Association.

May your retirement be filled with sparkling days of joy and happiness.

Respectfully,

Dr. Eugene Gaston
Dean of Instruction

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VICE PRESIDENT FOR UTICA CAMPUS
ADMINISTRATIVE AND STUDENT SERVICES

February 18, 1991

Dr. Bradford J. Tucker
Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Dr. Tucker:

Needless to say, there comes a time when a change is warranted. That time has now come for you. Congratulations! Having served in this position longer than any of the present college and university deans in the State of Mississippi, you can go gracefully into this new phase of your life, retirement, knowing that you have blazed many trails and opened many doors in the field of education.

There may not be a specific medal available for your contribution, but you have unquestionably won the gratitude of those lives you have touched through your teaching and leadership at Benton High School, Newton County Agricultural High School and East Central Community College. Your hard and enduring work on the Uniform Course Numbering System for the State's Public Community and Junior Colleges will never be forgotten. Those who succeed you will have magnanimous footsteps to fill.

Enjoy your days of retirement. Look back on your time spent in the field of education with pride and dignity because you are leaving behind a job well done.

Respectfully yours,

George E. Barnes, Vice-President
Utica Campus/Administrative
& Student Services

GEB/



HINDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

RAYMOND CAMPUS, RAYMOND, MS 39154-9799

VICE PRESIDENT FOR RAYMOND CAMPUS

February 27, 1991

Dr. Bradford J. Tucker
Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Brad:

Thanks for all you have done for East Central and the Mississippi junior & community college system. Your good works will continue long after you have retired.

I know that even in retirement, you will continue to provide educational leadership to East Central, your community, and those of us who still remain on "active duty."

Someone once said that "rings & jewels are not gifts but apologies for gifts; the only true gift is the gift of one's self." You have truly given the gift of yourself to East Central for 40 years, and many of us outside of your college have benefitted from your steady hand, your perspective, and your wisdom and experience.

Many things about you stand out to me. Two of those that I remember well are your wise counsel to me when I began as a new Dean in 1973 and your pioneer work with the Deans group in the Uniform Course Numbering System.

I am looking forward to being with you and enjoying the tribute to you on May 11. Brad, thanks for all you have done and congratulations on the well deserved praise that you are receiving upon your retirement. All of us who consider ourselves your friends wish you a long and happy retirement.

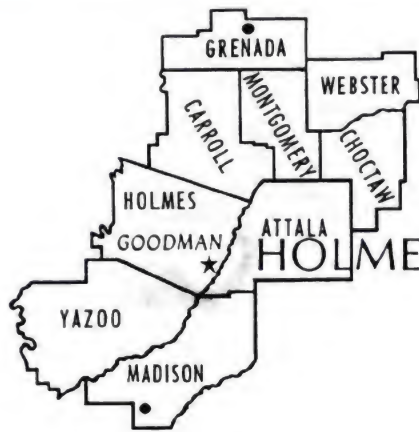
Sincerely,

Michael J. Rabalais, Ph.D.
Vice President/Raymond Campus

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February 19, 1991

Dr. Bradford J. Tucker
Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 39327

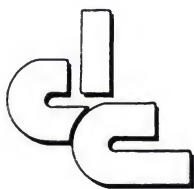
Dear Dean Tucker,

Congratulations on a long and productive career as a community college teacher and academic dean. I have always thought of you as a truly professional educator who worked his way up through the ranks to a well-deserved position of leadership and responsibility. The members of the Deans' Association have the utmost respect for your opinions and advice. One can't help but notice that when questions arise in Deans' meeting about "what happened in 1965?" or "what did we decide on this in 1970?" all heads in the room will immediately pivot toward Brad Tucker! You are (almost) to the Dean's Association what George Burns is to comedy.

I hope you have a long, happy, and healthy retirement. May the sun be at your back, the wind calm, and the fish biting - (and may your retirement pension be sufficient to buy fishbait).

Sincerely,

Richard Newton,
Academic Dean



ITAWAMBA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Dean of
Instructional Affairs

February 1, 1991

Dr. Brad Tucker
Academic Dean
East Central Community College
Decatur, Mississippi 39327

Dear Brad:

I understand you plan to officially retire on May 17, 1991. Perhaps you should rethink this decision. The Academic Deans' Association may want to put you on retainer as a full-time consultant!

I do want to take this opportunity to congratulate you for your many years of service to the students of East Central Community College and indirectly, to all the students of Mississippi's Community-Junior Colleges. Your work, particularly on standardizing the curriculum of our colleges, is a high water mark in our history.

Brad, you have consistently been a source of wisdom and knowledge for the Academic Deans in the state and I hope you continue to make yourself available to us. The future is bright for Mississippi's community-junior colleges and we can thank you for playing a major role in making this possible.

It is true that the only thing that always remains the same is "change". As our community-junior college system continues to grow and change we will, without doubt, go amiss if we do not look back to the early days of our system. Perhaps you can write your memoirs to share with us so that we don't overlook some of our early history.

I do wish for you and your wife a long and enjoyable retirement. This will give you some time to travel so we will be looking for you to pay us a visit up here at Itawamba Community College.

God bless and keep you for many years to come.

Sincerely,

W. F. Edmonson

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OFFICE OF
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February 28, 1991

Dr. Bradford J. Tucker, Dean
East Central Community College
Decatur, Mississippi 39327

Dear Dr. Tucker:

On behalf of Jackson State University, I congratulate you on the occasion of your retirement as Dean of Instruction from East Central Community College.

We are grateful that you chose to remain in Mississippi and dedicate yourself to improving education in this state. Through your visionary and disciplined leadership, you have enriched the lives of young men and women on both high school and college levels. You have served as a motivator for your faculty and a role model for your community. Your thirty-year tenure as Dean of Instruction is a testament to your productive and effective leadership.

May you enjoy your deserved retirement where, I am sure, you will not "rust unburnished" but continue to "shine in use."

Sincerely,

Carol D. Surles
Vice President for Academic Affairs

CDS:vr



Jones County Junior College

ELLISVILLE, MISSISSIPPI 39437

February 26, 1991

Dr. Brad Tucker
Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Brad:

Writing a letter of congratulations seems to be appropriate although words cannot fully express what you have meant to the Mississippi Academic Deans Association during the nineteen years I have been a member with you. You have been a person who has been able to maintain a visionary perspective for East Central and the Mississippi System of Community/Junior Colleges. Your vision and insight have allowed you to be a leader among the academic deans and to influence other leadership groups such as the Presidents' Association, State Department of Education, State Department of Vocational Education, and the constituencies you have served. Both the community/junior colleges and the university system in the state of Mississippi will long remember and appreciate your efforts to make the uniform numbering system the standard it has become for transfer students.

Congratulations are appropriate and very much deserved upon your retirement. Best wishes for a long and fruitful life after leaving your present position. Retirement for you will likely mean moving from educational service to another area of service of equal importance to the people with whom you are associated.

Sincerely,

Ronald E. Whitehead

Ronald E. Whitehead, Ph.D.
Dean of the College

JCJC
Jones County Junior College

ELLISVILLE, MISSISSIPPI 39437

February 26, 1991

Dr. Brad Tucker
Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Dr. Tucker:

This marks the thirty-fourth year of our association in the junior colleges of Mississippi with seventeen of these years in the Academic Deans Association. As you join the ranks of your distinguished retired co-workers, I express to you my appreciation for your loyal support, guidance, and leadership during the years of our association. On many occasions I recall the good times, the enjoyable conventions, and the insights into education that you dramatically expressed.

The members of the Academic Deans Association have benefited from your leadership and participation in the association. The sound philosophy on which you based your comments during the associational meetings has been an inspiration to everyone.

I express to you my sincere appreciation for your friendship and thoughtfulness through the years. I feel very fortunate to have been associated with a friend and leader-educator who exemplifies strong character and influence.

Thank you for friendship and contribution to education. I extend wishes to you and your family for good health and happiness. Best wishes to you and may God bless you.

Cordially,

Randolph Strickland
Randolph Strickland



Barry L. Mellinger, President

Dr. Bobby S. Garvin, Vice President

Perkinston Campus

P.O. Box 47 Perkinston, MS 39573

Telephone: 601/928-5211

February 5, 1991

Dr. Bradford J. Tucker
Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 395327

Dear Brad,

Congratulations on your retirement. The Academic Deans Association will certainly miss your "steadying" influence and the contributions that you have made to that organization.

It is my wish that your retirement be as successful as your career has been. My life has been rewarded by having known you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bobby Garvin".

Bobby Garvin, Ed.D.
Vice President
Perkinston Campus

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Barry L. Mellinger, President

Curtis L. Davis, Vice President
Jackson County Campus
P.O. Box 100 Gautier, MS 39553
Telephone: 601/497-9602

Dear Dr. Tucker,

Let me wish you much happiness in your retirement and thank you for the many contributions you have made to the junior/community college system.

Over the few years I have worked with you, it has been an honor and a pleasure to get to know you in both a professional and a personal basis. Indeed, you are a professional educator who holds the highest esteem among your colleagues.

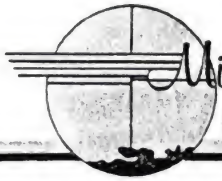
I know the students and staff at East Central will miss you. You have left behind a fine program of academic standing for the community.

It is my sincere hope that your retirement years will bring you joy and fulfillment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William F. Martin".

William F. Martin
Dean of Academic Instruction
MGCCC-Jackson County Campus
Gautier, MS 39553



Mississippi Gulf Coast
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Barry L. Mellinger, President

February 5, 1991

Curtis L. Davis, Vice President
Jackson County Campus
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Dr. Bradford J. Tucker
Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
c/o Ovid Vickers
Box 58
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Dr. Tucker:

It gives me great pleasure to extend my sincere congratulations to you on the occasion of your retirement after such a long and distinguished career. Your leadership abilities have had a profound effect on the progress of East Central Community College and all the community colleges in the state.

It has been a distinct pleasure working with you for many years. I believe you and I are the senior members in the junior/community college system in the state.

I wish you well in your retirement and hope that our paths will continue to cross in the future.

Sincerely yours,

Curtis L. Davis
Vice President

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COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE
AND HOME ECONOMICS

Office of the Dean

February 4, 1991

Dr. Bradford J. Tucker, Dean
East Central Community College
Decatur, Mississippi 39327

Dear Brad:

It is my pleasure to congratulate you on the completion of your tenure as Dean of Instruction at East Central Community College.

You certainly have earned the right to be proud of your accomplishments at ECCC. You are among the visionary leaders of the State of Mississippi and have helped to shape the future of the state by molding the young minds that are our future.

I wish you a long, happy and healthy retirement.

Sincerely,

William R. Fox
Dean



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Office of the Dean

February 15, 1991

Dr. Bradford J. Tucker
Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Brad:

You certainly have earned the right to celebrate in a big way. I can think of nothing better to celebrate than a long, productive life dedicated to the betterment of your fellow citizens. This you have done. I congratulate you on what you have accomplished and contributed to the educational system of Mississippi.

It was always a pleasure to visit East Central because I knew that I would be received cordially and that I could depend totally on whatever Brad Tucker said about any prospective transfer students to Mississippi State University and any other things as well.

Brad, I consider you to be among my best friends and I hope to be able to see you from time to time as you enjoy retirement. I hope that you will have a long and happy retirement and that you can take the time to visit with old friends, family and former students. Take time to reflect on all that you have done for education.

I wish for you the best of everything.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Lindley
Dean Emeritus



NORTHWEST MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Senatobia, Mississippi 38668

February 26, 1991

Dr. Brad Tucker, Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
Decatur, Mississippi 39327

Dear Brad:

Learning of your planned retirement, I find myself with mixed emotions. I feel joy in knowing that you will have many good years to spend doing things you want to do. I also feel sadness in realizing that the community colleges of our state will lose the leadership of the "Dean of Deans." You have been a positive force in building the reputation of not only East Central but of all Mississippi's community colleges.

May the years ahead bring you happiness, fulfillment and contentment. I will certainly miss you.

Sincerely,

Marilyn S. Comer
Academic Dean

MSC/sg



Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
University, MS 38677
(601) 232-5974

February 11, 1991

Dr. Bradford J. Tucker
Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Dean Tucker:

I have learned of your plans to retire from East Central Community College, and I wish to thank you for your contributions to higher education and to wish you the best in your years of retirement.

I very much appreciate your long-term dedication to education in your home state. I know, in particular, of your recent leadership in the establishment of core curricula which might be used by community college students throughout the state as they prepare to transfer to any of the eight senior institutions. As I am sure you know, your colleagues in community college education regard you as the dean of deans, and I can understand their high regard for you and your leadership. We are all grateful to you.

I hope that you will now have time to do some of the things you have not been able to do because of your exacting schedule. If your travels bring you up to the northern part of the state, please drop by.

Thank you again for your many contributions.

Sincerely,

H. Ray Hoops
Vice Chancellor for
Academic Affairs

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THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI

VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

February 12, 1991

Dr. Bradford J. Tucker
Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
Decatur, Mississippi 39327

Dear Dr. Tucker:

Congratulation on your retirement as Dean of Instruction at East Central Community College.

Over the past 30 years higher education has experienced many dramatic changes. In some cases the material that we teach is the same, but the techniques and technology of instruction have certainly changed dramatically. Not only have the methods that we used changed but so have the expectations of the faculty and students. Faculty policies in terms of governance are certainly different today than they were when you began your career in 1961.

You are to be commended for maintaining your leadership position and your very positive influence for 30 years. There are very few people who could continue to contribute in such an important position as you have held for so long a period of time.

Congratulations and good luck in your retirement.

Sincerely,

G. David Huffman
Vice-President for
Academic Affairs

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February 26, 1991

Dr. Bradford J. Tucker
East Central Community College
Decatur, Mississippi

Dear Brad:

From one square countian to another, sincere congratulations
on your retirement as Dean of our Alma Mater.

Thank you for your contributions and dedication to the school
that has made a difference in the lives of so many people who
have passed through its halls. Considering the fact that you
now join an elite group (including Todd, Newsome, Sullivan,
Cross, Harris, Burton, and others) of true educators who
helped insure East Central's rightful place in the scheme of
human progress, you should now enjoy those things that some-
how had to be postponed for other things.

Sincerely,

Fred Ray Blocker

P.S. I'm sure your experiences will help in mastering
all the available degrees in the "art of Grand-mothering."

February 19, 1991

Dr. Bradford J. Tucker
East Central Community College
Decatur, Ms. 39327

Dear Dr. Tucker,

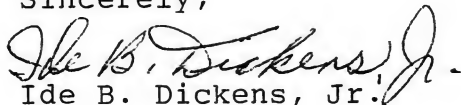
It is with mixed feelings I send this letter of congratulations today. Mixed because East Central Community College is losing a valuable and very respected educator.

As a native Leake Countian like yourself, I know the role East Central plays in providing a quality yet affordable education to the people in our district, and how even more important that role becomes in today's tough economic times. I also know that it takes conscientious and effective educators and administrators to maintain and improve schools like East Central, and you have proven to be that and more.

I have maintained an active interest in East Central through the years; I attended and have two sons with degrees from there. I have maintained this interest on a personal basis and through my time on the Board of Trustees and in all conversations regarding East Central your name has always been well spoken of and respected. I am sure that you are one of the reasons East Central Community College is the fine school it is today. I can only hope your successor will continue the outstanding work you have done for the college the past 37 years.

Again, congratulations, and thank you for a job very well done.

Sincerely,


Ide B. Dickens, Jr.

Dear Dr. Tucker,

I take pleasure in congratulating you on your retirement from "active duty" in the teaching and education management fields of endeavor. On the other hand, I, along with a lot of other people, am a bit saddened over the loss of your experience and expertise in administering to the needs and accomplishments of East Central Community College. The individual that is selected to replace you as Dean of Instruction will certainly be a busy person in keeping pace with and upholding the ideas and ideals that have been established and carried out by you over the years.

Thanks for all you have done for and meant to the East Central community. I hope that you can maintain good health and have many, many productive and enjoyable years of retirement. Additionally, I would like to present to you my personal "YOU DONE GOOD" award.

Sincerely,


Howard Herrington

Dr. Bradford J. Tucker
Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 39327

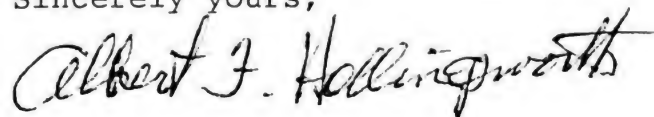
Dear Dr. Tucker,

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on an outstanding career at East Central Community College. There have been many changes during your tenure and you've helped the college grow and improve. You have been a stabilizing factor during administrative changes.

I think one of your outstanding accomplishments was the work you did in standardizing the curriculum and numbering of courses to coordinate the two-year colleges with the Senior Colleges.

Again congratulations and best wishes for a happy and joyous retirement.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Albert F. Hollingsworth". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Albert F. Hollingsworth

AFH/sm

Dr. Bradford J. Tucker
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Dr. Tucker:

I have had the pleasure of working with you for only a very short time. Because of the type personality you have, it seems that we have worked together and have been friends for much longer.

I thank you for all the years of service you have given the college. Under your leadership and direction, we have made many improvements and your work will be missed.

As you leave our college to work in other areas, (I did not say retire, because people of your quality never retire) I wish you the best of luck. I will miss you because I don't know if I can take care of V.C. at lunch and also, if I drink another person's tea, they might get mad.

Sincerely,

Randal Livingston

Randal Livingston

CONFIDENTIAL

January 31, 1991

Dr. Bradford J. Tucker
East Central Community College
Decatur, Mississippi 39328

Dear Dr. Tucker:

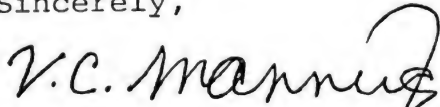
On behalf of the Neshoba County School District, it is indeed a pleasure to say " Thank You " for your many years of dedicated service to the students and citizens in East Central Mississippi.

Only you know your many sacrifices, but I applaud you and join with the thousands in commending you for your contributions to mankind and your many outstanding accomplishments.

You have not only demonstrated consistency and fairness in dealing with needs and expectations of students and colleagues, but you have set an outstanding example for all, by exhibiting a high level of moral character, a high level of personal integrity, a genuine love for other people, and the highest qualities of leadership and citizenship.

Thank you for all you have done to improve the quality of life for so many. You will be missed. " God Bless You " in retirement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "V.C. Manning". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "M" and a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

V. C. Manning, Superintendent
Neshoba County Schools and
Member East Central College Board

Dr. Bradford J. Tucker
Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Dr. Tucker:

The staff and administration of the Louisville Municipal School District congratulate you on your retirement. Your educational leadership and vision for the past thirty-seven years have assured East Central Community College of the reputation it has today.

We have enjoyed working with you and wish you well in your retirement. If the Louisville Municipal School District can ever be of any assistance to you, please feel free to let us know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Fred Perkins".

Fred Perkins, Ed. D.
Superintendent

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February 28, 1991

Dr. Brad Tucker
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS

Dear Dr. Tucker,


It is with pride and pleasure as I write you to congratulate you on your forty one years of service in the field of Education at East Central Community College and Benton High School.

Your dedication of service and to the lives of the young men and women that you have touched will be felt for decades to come. It will not only affect those in the fine County area, it will spread all over the world as they take up their vocations.

You will be greatly missed at East Central but you can be assured your deeds of dedication and the integrity in which you have served will not go unnoticed.

You have served us well and I do hope for you a long and happy retirement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathryn Walters". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Kathryn Walters
Newton County Board Member

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Dr. Bradford J. Tucker
East Central Community College
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Dear Dr. Tucker; (Brad)

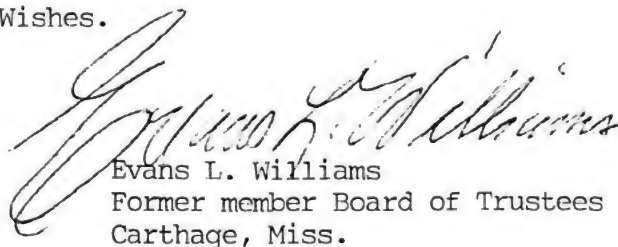
I read with mixed emotions the announcement of your pending retirement. Mixed, because I am enjoying my retirement as I know you will enjoy yours, sad because your retirement will break the continuity of your service to the youth of this area.

During my two separate appointments to the Board of Trustees, spaced some fourteen years apart, you were the one person in the administration serving continuously. Also since you hail from the "Square County" I felt a kinship to my fellow Leake Countian.

Your tenure as Dean of Instruction for thirty years is a record that will be hard to equal and your devotion to the students who have attended East Central Junior and Community College will never be surpassed. I wish for you a long and happy retirement but urge you not to become so inactive that you will be bored.

The growth and influence of East Central Community College in the State of Mississippi is due to the dedication and hard work of the underpaid faculty and administrators like you who have served so long and faithfully.

Congratulations and Best Wishes.


Evans L. Williams
Former member Board of Trustees
Carthage, Miss.

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February 21, 1991

Dr. Bradford J. Tucker
Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
Decatur, Mississippi 39327

Re: Retirement

Dear Dr. Tucker:

My wife, Frances and I would like to wish you much enjoyment and happiness in your retirement years. You have been an outstanding member of the staff of East Central Community College for 37 years. Your distinguished record of service as an outstanding educator will long stand as a model for others to emulate.

As a member of the Board of East Central Community College, and as a former student of the College, having attended in 1941, I want to express to you my personal appreciation for your dedication and professionalism in providing guidance and supervision to the many thousands of students who have passed through this institution under your tutelage. You are an outstanding educator, an outstanding individual, and a person whose presence at East Central Community College shall be deeply missed. I hope that you will continue to be actively involved in the development and improvement of services offered by this institution. You have many friends at East Central Community College and throughout the community served by this community college district. I hope that you will keep in contact with your many friends and let us know of your many activities in your retirement years.

If there is anything that I can do as a member of the East Central Community College Board or as your personal friend, you only have to call upon me. I value and appreciate your dedication and friendship. With warmest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

J. C. Williamson

J. C. Williamson
Board Member,
East Central Community College

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February 5, 1991

Dr. Bradford J. Tucker
Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Dean Tucker:

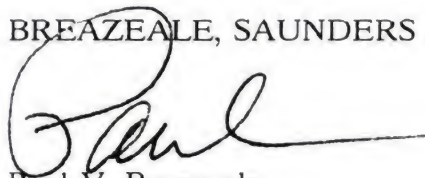
Although it was in 1963, it seems as if it was only yesterday that I enrolled as a freshman at ECCC. Quite often I reflect on that very positive experience and how it significantly affected my life. It is impossible to reflect on those years without thinking of you.

The community college movement in Mississippi is certainly pervasive and vitally important to all of us. We are indeed fortunate to have dedicated individuals like you commit their careers to such worthwhile service. Thank you so much for your hard work and commitment to excellence.

Congratulations and best wishes on your retirement. You will certainly be missed. May God continue to richly bless you and your family in all of your endeavors.

Sincerely,

BREAZEALE, SAUNDERS & O'NEIL, LTD.



Paul V. Breazeale
Certified Public Accountant

PVB/lmd

February 25, 1991

Dr. Brad J. Tucker
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Dr. Tucker:

YOU WILL BE MISSED AT EAST CENTRAL.

As I began to think about all you have contributed to East Central Community College during your long and dedicated career, I wished for the expertise to express myself as Mr. Vickers could easily have done.

You, your lovely wife, Mary, and beautiful daughter, Beth, help make my two wonderful years at East Central complete. I wonder if Beth remembers the many days at cheerleader practice when she was our mascot and shadow. I was not one to enjoy the company of small children, so you can be sure that this is out of the ordinary for me to say that the times I babysat with Beth were delightful. Congratulations to your family on the two special grandchildren you now enjoy and the gratifying profession Beth chose to become a nurse.

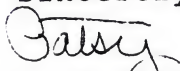
You are one of the most dedicated people in the educational field and the progress East Central has made during your career proves your outstanding leadership ability.

It takes a talent to be a friend to a student and at the same time demand the discipline and authority your job required.

I will always remember your smile, wit and ability to bring out the best in everyone.

Good luck in the future.

Sincerely,



PATSY DUNIGAN CLARK

Earl Marshall
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February 11, 1991

Dr. Bradford J. Tucker
Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
Decatur, Ms 39327

Dear Brad:

Congratulations for the great honor of having the Vocational Technical Center named the Bradford J. Tucker Applied Technology Center on the campus of East Central Community College. I can think of no person that is more deserving of this honor than you. You have served East Central and the State of Mississippi well in the past 42 years, and to me you represent the very best of our educational system.

I have enjoyed working with you in our East Central Community College Alumni Association and appreciate your hard work on its behalf. You have been instrumental in the planning of our annual homecomings by locating many former students and encouraging them to "Come Home to East Central". Thank you for all you have done above and beyond your normal job responsibilities in promoting East Central. You exemplify the very best in our alumni.

Again, Brad, congratulations for this significant honor. I appreciate your friendship.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Earl Marshall'.

Earl Marshall

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BILLY NICHOLSON, Agent
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Phone: Off. 774-8254 Res. 774-5220

Dear Dr. Tucker:

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your retirement. I appreciate your years of dedicated service to ECCC. Many changes, for the better, have taken place at ECCC over the years and this is due much to your unselfish efforts and dedicated service.

I hope your future years of retirement will be enjoyable ones.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Billy Nicholson".

Billy Nicholson

Town of Decatur

420 7th Street

P. O. Box 307 - Decatur, Mississippi 39327

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March 1, 1991

Dr. Brad Tucker
Dean of Instruction
ECCC
Decatur, Mississippi 39327

Dear Dr. Tucker,

Congratulations on your May 17, 1991, retirement as Dean of Instruction at East Central Community College. I feel the college, although happy for you with your decision to retire, will feel a void that will be hard to fill.

I personally feel like the success I have had in my life has a strong link to you, since being a student of yours at Newton County Agricultural High School and being in business in Decatur for twenty years. It's people like you who made those years a pleasure and so memorable to me.

As a friend let me wish you all the best. As Mayor of Decatur, I wish all the happiness you deserve.

If at any time I can help you in any way please feel free to call.

Best wishes and good luck.

Sincerely,



Bobby B. Addy, Mayor
Town of Decatur

February 15, 1991

Dr. Bradford J. Tucker
East Central Community College
Decatur, Mississippi

Dr. Tucker,

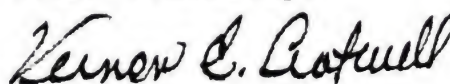
It is indeed a pleasure as a former student and now as a member of the Board of Trustees to congratulate you on the untiring dedication that you have given to East Central Community College.

Your thirty plus years of service has been a true example of your concern and compassion for the many students that have passed your way.

Your guidance and leadership has been an asset to our college and an inspiration to many young men and women.

Again, I commend you on an excellent job and wish you a very fulfilling and healthy retirement.

Yours sincerely,


A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Vernon E. Crotwell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "V" and "C".

Vernon E. Crotwell



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February 25, 1991

Dr. Bradford Tucker
Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Dr. Tucker:

Congratulations on your retirement as the Dean of Instruction at East Central Community College. Former students as I appreciate your dedication to the profession of higher education and the role model you have provided for students to follow.

Good luck in your retirement and best wishes to you and yours!

Sincerely yours,

Pat Harris

Pat Harris, Ph.D.
Entomologist, MCES
Mississippi State University

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February 21, 1991

Dr. Bradford J. Tucker
Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Dr. Tucker:

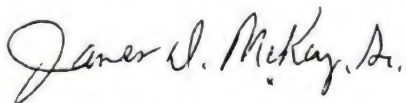
Oh, how the years have passed since the years of 1956-58 at East Central Junior College. Now I want to thank you as I congratulate you upon your retirement.

I often joke about my becoming a student of yours. I came to East Central Community College on the morning of registration in the fall of 1956. I still wasn't sure if I wanted to go to college or not. In the registration line I was asked what I wanted to study. In reply, I said agriculture. I thought being raised on a farm I knew a little about agriculture. The next two years in your classes taught me how little I did know about agriculture.

Again I say thank you for not only being an instructor, but a friend.

May God richly bless you and yours.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James D. McKay, Sr." The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

James D McKay, Sr.
Vo-Ag Instructor
Noxapater High School
Noxapater, MS 39346

February 28, 1991

Dr. B.J. Tucker
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Dr. Tucker:

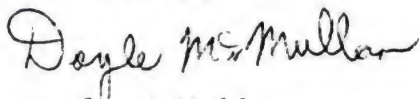
It is a privilege for me to have this opportunity to congratulate you on your retirement.

You have made many contributions to our community and in the field of education from the high school to the college level. I first remember you when you served as our adviser for the Oak Grove Rural Development Club. During the 1960-1961 school year as a freshman at East Central, I had an opportunity to be a student in your Dairying, Field Crops, and Animal Husbandry classes. I know that you had a great influence, not only on me, but many other students majoring in Agriculture at East Central.

Your many years of service as Dean of Instruction is to be commended and is a testimony to the great contributions you have made to East Central Community College.

Again, congratulations and I wish only the best for you in your retirement.

Sincerely,


Doyle McMullan



Leo Russell, D.D.S., P.A.

Dentistry for Children and Adults

February 21, 1991



Dr. Bradford J. Tucker
Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
Decatur, Mississippi 39327

Dear Dr. Tucker:

Reflecting back over the years brings many fond memories but none so vivid and heartwarming as those spent at East Central Junior College during 1953 and 1954.

During the time I took classes in your department, Agriculture, I felt that you were a strong disciplinarian, but always a nice and courteous person. It doesn't take one long, after maturing and facing the outside world, to grow to admire the type of discipline and respect demanded by past superiors. Thank you for those two years.

Congratulations and best wishes are surely in order for you. Your long tenure in the teaching profession certainly indicates the type of person you are - challenging, enduring, kind, generous and sensitive, to mention only a few.

I wish for you the best in your retirement. Maybe you will now have time to "stop and smell the roses".

Sincerely,

H. Leo Russell, D.D.S.

HLR:vm





United States
Department of
Agriculture

Soil
Conservation
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[REDACTED]
Jackson, MS 39269

February 28, 1991

Dr. Bradford J. Tucker
Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
Decatur, Mississippi 39327

Dear Brad:

Congratulations on your successful career as an educator at East Central Community College. You have served the college and its students well in many capacities. Your career has been marked by many accomplishments, and you have graced the field of education with intellect and reason.

I realize you are retiring as "Dean Bradford J. Tucker," but I relate more to you as the young agriculture teacher during my days at East Central. I recall very clearly how, at the death of Mr. Palmer, you assumed the position of ag leader for the college. If I were to make a list of the best professors I had at either East Central or Mississippi State, your name would be right up there at the top. You encouraged me to work hard as a student and to prepare myself well for my future career. In fact, you may not recall this, but you are responsible for my becoming an employee of the Soil Conservation Service, where I have now served for almost 35 years. It was through your encouragement and support that a group of students traveled with you to Meridian to take the Civil Service exam that later led to my career in SCS.

I will always be grateful to you as a professor, as a friend, and as one who encouraged me throughout the years. And as you begin this next stage of your life called "retirement," it is my sincere wish that it will be as successful and productive of the one you are now completing.

Respectfully,

Jack H. Winstead
Deputy State Conservationist



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February 26, 1991

Dr Bradford J. Tucker
ECCC
Decatur, Mississippi

Dear Dr Tucker:

This is to extend to you many
congratulations on your retirement.

May 27, 1991. Your outstanding work
merits high recommendations.

During my Nineteen years at ECE.
I remember you as having a calm,
dignified manner and an alert
mind. You were always ready
to face any problem that arose.
You have spent many years of
service for the progress of the
College and the advancement of
education.

Now as you retire, you have my
wishes for many years of retirement
filled with fond memories of ECCC,
the faculty and students and unlimited
happiness.

Sincerely,
Erma Lee Barber

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
February 23, 1991

Dr. Bradford J. Tucker
Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
Decatur, Mississippi

Dear Dr. Tucker:

I am happy to Sincerely congratulate you on so many successful and rewarding years of service as Dean of Instruction at East Central Community College.

Whether you originally thought and planned for your professional career previous to your move from teacher to dean, the acquired knowledge of the school must have provided you with a preview of the duties and responsibilities of the new position.

I am aware that I have a limited knowledge of the broad scope of your field. However, I believe you have had a close bond of relationship with all the campus program, and public relations as well.

The varied and multiple changes in administration, faculty, students, and their goals for additional college training, no doubt kept you alert to valuable insights for renewals and changes helpful to the overall program.

May you be honored with gratitude and appreciation for your dedicated services, as many others, who also came with conviction and determination to succeed.

Hopefully, your retirement will be what you have planned and desired. May you have many years of enjoyment with your loved ones and friends.

Sincerely,

Ethel Burton

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February 26, 1991

Dr. Bradford J. Tucker
Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
Decatur, Mississippi 39327

Dear Brad:

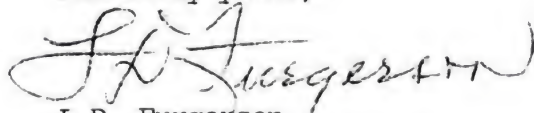
It is hard to believe that you have served as Dean of Instruction at East Central for thirty years until I stop to think of the date that I left to come to Mississippi State. I was pleased to have had the privilege of recommending your appointment as Dean to President Vincent. Time has proved his decision to have been good for East Central faculty and students and for higher education in your district and the state.

With the possible exception of only a few, you and I are the only ones aware of the attempts I made to stop your tenure at East Central by offering you employment at Mississippi State. Having been associated with you as a student and a high school and college teacher at East Central, I was very much aware of your potential as a school administrator because of your ability to lead others and organize and coordinate your work. I always found you to be a person willing to accept all assignment and attack them with vigor and thoroughness.

I consider it a pleasure and privilege to have had the opportunity to work with you during my time at East Central and the association we have had since that time. I also consider it a privilege to have you and Mary as friends and I wish you the very best in a well deserved retirement. I know that Mary will have to take early retirement if she plans to retire on or before May 17.

I wish for you and yours a long and enjoyable retirement.

Sincerely yours,


L.D. Furgerson

ldf:lf

37066

Feb. 5, 1991

Dear Brad,

Bless your heart! It seems only yesterday that you were a student in one of my Freshman English Composition classes along with those other G. I.'s who were such a joy to teach and to know. Now you are about to retire from a long and successful career as a teacher and dean of instruction of the institution where you got your basics. My heartiest congratulations to you!

In your own quiet unassuming way, you have been, through these years,

the priceless value of a
real man like you.

May your retirement
years be many and
happy ones.

Sincerely,
May E. Pennington

EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

DECATUR, MISSISSIPPI 39327

February 22, 1991

Dr. Bradford J. Tucker
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Brad:

I am glad to learn that on May 17, 1991, you will reach another milestone in your life.

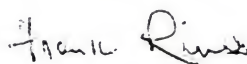
Brad, I commend you for your many accomplishments during your combined thirty-seven years of service as a faculty member and Dean of Instruction at East Central Community college.

It was a pleasure to work with you for thirty-three years, nine as a faculty member and twenty-four as an administrator. Your encouragement and advice during those years meant so much in helping me better serve East Central Community College. I always enjoyed attending conferences off campus with you present. Many instances stand out in my mind as I write this letter such as the time a person approached us for a quick sale of diamonds in Atlanta and we didn't buy.

It is a certainty that East Central Community College has been blessed by your devoted service over the years.

I hope that your retirement will be long and enjoyable.

Sincerely,



Frank Rives

FR/snh



February 25, 1991
Decatur, MS 39327

Dr. Brad Tucker
Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Dean

We extend heartfelt congratulations to you upon this honored occasion in your life.

In our years of teaching with you, we observed your professional skills, your loyalty to the college, and your dedication to your office. You always allowed us academic freedom and encouraged creativity and innovation in our teaching.

We hope that your retirement will be as rewarding as your career has been productive.

In addition, we wish for you

Enough work to give you satisfaction
Then rest to appreciate its restoration
And trouble enough to keep you dependent on our Lord
But bounteous joy to share with the grandchildren
A few problems to challenge your mind
And contentment sufficient to give you peace
A sense of worth to continue active
And faith to live each day confidently

Sincerely

L. B. and Alyne Simmons

L. B. and Alyne Simmons

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February 12, 1991

Dr. Bradford J. Tucker
Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
Decatur, Mississippi 39327

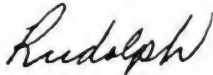
Dear Brad:

Congratulations on your upcoming retirement. As one who is near completing five years of retirement, I can say that retired life is thoroughly enjoyable.

During your long tenure you have witnessed the many changes that occurred to make East Central Community College into an outstanding academic, technical, and vocational complex with emphasis on the entire community. East Central boasts of having one of the best physical plants in the state. You as well as all of us can truly be proud of the accomplishments of East Central Community College during these productive years.

Again, I extend congratulations and wish you the best.

Sincerely,



Thomas R. Mayes


February 22, 1991

Dr. Brad J. Tucker
Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 39327


Dear Dr. Tucker,

It is with pleasure that I take this opportunity to congratulate you on your long tenure of service in the field of education.

For years to come, East Central will miss your inspirational work and will look back upon your contribution to the school with admiration.

I hope you will enjoy your retirement and continue to be of service to your fellowman.

Sincerely,



J. E. Smith

EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

DECATUR, MISSISSIPPI 39327

OFFICE OF THE VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL DIRECTOR

February 27, 1991

601-635-2111

Dr. Brad J. Tucker, Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
P. O. Box 129
Decatur, Mississippi 39327

Dear Dr. Tucker:

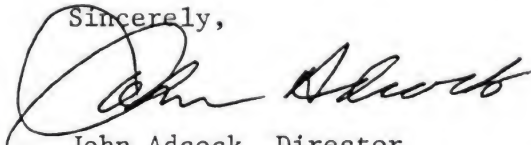
You are to be commended for your outstanding educational achievements. Your educational background, experience and training are exceptional.

However, I assert there are other reasons for your exceptional accomplishments. One, you exhibit a youthful enthusiasm for your work, which is contagious and permeates those around you. Two, your even temperament has allowed you to serve East Central for forty years providing stability in times of transition. Three, your interest in and concern for people is genuine and constant. Fourth, your work ethic, which was fostered on a farm in rural Leake County, is an inspiration to us all. Fifth and foremost, you have always strived to bring honor and prestige to East Central Community College and not to yourself. These individual traits are not uncommon; most people possess one or two of them. However, it is rare to find an individual like yourself that possesses all five of them.

If you were an athlete, you would be a MVP, most valuable player. You are a most valuable person to East Central Community College, and your leadership, enthusiasm, concern for people, work ethic, and love for East Central will be missed.

God bless you in your retirement.

Sincerely,



John Adcock, Director
Vocational-Technical Instruction

JA/bs



March 1, 1991

Dr. Bradford J. Tucker
Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
Decatur, Mississippi 39327

Dear Brad,

When I finished my graduate degree in January, 1961 at Mississippi State University, I began to look for a job. East Central Junior College was the second place I stopped in my quest since Arno Vincent, the President of the institution, was a friend of my Dad. My first sight of you came when the two of you finished a conference and he came out of his office to find me waiting to see him. "Well, Richard Ethridge! What on earth, boy. The last time I saw you, you were a snotty nosed little rascal a runnin' round barefooted," he said. Then he introduced me to you and you turned red, grinned sheepishly, said a few things and left. Later that day, Vincent hired me (pending Board approval) to teach school at ECJC the next regular session. He later introduced me to Lynn Ferguson, the Dean then, and we got our plans together on my next year's schedule.

Lo and behold, when I returned to teach in September, you were the Dean. What a devil of a fix, I thought after my unusual introduction to you from Vincent. It really didn't matter too much, though. Soon I learned that you were a country boy as well--an intelligent, quiet, bookish-type country boy, but a country boy. I can still see the crew cut and tight red skin you had then. The erect bearing and the resolute and determined look I still remember. All these qualities have carried you a long way. I outlined my opinion and view of you already in another document you have a copy of so I'll not repeat it here. You know what I think of you. We have come a good distance down the road together, had some mutual experiences that were trying and not so trying, and had some good times. We've been across the street and down the street neighbors for longer than I care to remember. Beth always seemed like one of mine and I always loved your dear wife, Mary, too. What else can I say? I'm going to miss you at ECCC, but I'm glad you'll still be just down the street.

The best is yet to come, old friend. Have a good time in retirement. Catch some fish. Kill some birds, squirrels, deer, or whatever. Drink a little wine "for the sake of your stomach." Play with your farm, cattle, and timber, and get some rest when you want to. You deserve it. May God be as gracious and merciful to you as He's ever been to anyone. May you live to a ripe old age, and when your time comes, may you be in Heaven two hours before the Devil knows you are dead!

I appreciate you,

Richard C. Ethridge
Richard C. Ethridge

EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DECATUR, MISSISSIPPI

April 11, 1991

Dr. Bradford J. Tucker, Dean
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS

Dear Dr. Tucker:

Congratulations on your retirement from East Central Community College after having served the institution for thirty-seven years. It has been through your efforts and visionary abilities that the institution has grown to become the East Central that we all know and love - an outstanding community college.

Thank you for the opportunity to become a part of East Central. It was Dr. Doug Montgomery and yourself who came to Mississippi State University and offered me employment in mathematics at East Central in the summer of 1963; a move for which I am eternally grateful. My opportunities have been numerous thanks to your vision and guidance through the years.

Again, congratulations on your retirement. The very best to you in your future endeavors.

Very sincerely,



Shelby L. Harris, Chairman
Mathematics/Science Division

SLH:dh

EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

DECATUR, MISSISSIPPI 39327

February 25, 1991

Dr. Brad Tucker, Dean of
Academics
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Dr. Tucker:

For the majority of the thirty-six years that I have been a member of the faculty at East Central Community College, you have been the Dean. And now you have decided to retire, although I am sure the college would be happy to have you continue in your present position. It will be difficult to think of East Central without you as its Dean.

You have, through your leadership, your counsel, and your friendship, made my years here enjoyable. I have seen the college grow from the continuation of a high school into a full-fledged institution of higher learning. That growth in no small part has been due to your efforts as Dean.

You have meant a great deal to Carol and me, more than just as the Dean of the college where we taught. The only real dates we had during our courtship were when you and Mary loaned us that Ford Fairlane to go to Meridian. We have always known that you and Mary were there if we needed your assistance for any reason.

I know that your connection to East Central goes back to the day you entered college here. Whatever East Central gave to you, you have given back tenfold. It is my sincere wish that those in the future who graduate and return to work here will be as dedicated as you have been.

If your Grandmother and Grandfather Jolly were alive, I would like to tell them what a fine man you turned out to be and how those of us at East Central feel about your work here. You have always been a credit to your family, to Leake County, to East Central, and to the State of Mississippi.

Yours sincerely,



Ovid Vickers



Dear Dr. Tucker,

What will I do without you to ask advice? I'll probably do some very stupid things! It is so comforting to know that when I have professional problems your reasonable advice is only a phone-call away.

You personify, to me, all that East Central represents: scholarship, exemplary character, and discipline. I cannot help but wonder if East Central will be the same without you, if it will continue to be the kind of school of which I have been so proud to be a part for twenty-two years.

Although we have not always agreed, you have been right 99 percent of the time. Your stabilizing influence has helped me and so many other beginning teachers to know the true meaning of professionalism. Your insistence on strength in academics has fortified me when I have been tempted to say: "What's the use? It will be so much easier to slack up."

Knowing that the door to your office was always open helped to make my years at East Central so much easier. Perhaps, you knew that what I needed was to rant and rave and get whatever perceived injustice out of my system; then I would try to do what was best for East Central, my profession, and myself.

You have helped to make me a better teacher, a better employee, and a better person. And, you have made East Central a much better place for your having been there. I would say, "Please stay a while longer," but I know that even for those as dedicated to the college as you are, there should be a much deserved rest. However, I know you won't rest. You'll work at one thing or another because that's the way you are. Thank you. I'll miss you. But please, if I have a problem, may I pick up the phone and ask for your sage advice?

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carrie Ann Alford". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Carrie Ann Alford

February 27, 1991

Dear Dr. Tucker,

Congratulations upon your retirement.

I have fond memories of your sociology class. Those ten-question, true/false pop quizzes certainly made us read the lesson. You always told us that if we could miss all ten questions you would give us a 100. I never was brave enough to try, but now I just might be bold (foolhardy?) enough to do so.

I still have the letter you wrote me after graduation acknowledging that my grade point average was next in line to the 4.0's. It meant a lot to me at the time--and still does.

As Dean you have always been understanding, kind, and considerate whenever I have had a problem. For this I am grateful.

Once again I wish you the best.

Your employee, former student, and friend for life,

Leonard Barrier

Leonard Barrier

March 1st., 1991

Dr. Bradford J. Tucker
Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Dr. Tucker:

I consider an honor to have had the opportunity to work at East Central during some of the years that you served as Dean of Instruction in this Institution of higher knowledge.

Although I have not worked directly with you, I have always admired your professionalism, dedication, and ability that you have demonstrated in the different capacities that you have so very well held. I feel our college has been very fortunate to have such a distinguish teacher and Dean.

It is my sincere thought that your retirement would represent the culmination of many years of hard and fructiferous work, and that you would enjoy happiness and fulfillment with your family for many years to come.

Yours sincerely,


Lilia O Briseno

EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

DECATUR, MISSISSIPPI 39327

Dear Dr. Tucker,

I consider myself very fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with you. Regardless of the situation, you have always listened to me with patience and given me advice and guidance with an insight that could come only from someone who truly cares about each individual with whom they work. Your personal traits of humility, patience, and dedication have given me a standard by which to pattern my own life. Sometimes one can either like or respect the individual in authority to whom they are responsible. Because of you, I can do both. I deeply appreciate all that you have done for me both as a student at East Central and as a member of the staff here.

It is my sincere wish for you that you will enjoy your retirement. I hope that you will think of us often enough to remember that without your presence at East Central, we would not be as effective as we are today but not so often that you let us interfere with your fun!

Sincerely,

Ann Burkett



Dear Dr. Tucker,

I know you must have mixed feelings about closing out a long career with East Central Community College. You can always look back to see the many good things that you have accomplished over the years and the many friends that you have made, both students and staff.

Ruth and I have always considered you and Mary as friends. I really appreciate the advice and support that you have given me over the years. I probably did not think some of it was good at the time, but as usual, you would be right.

I know that you are pleased that the Vo-Tech building will be named in your honor. This will be a lasting memorial for a deserving administrator.

A word of advice -- get up early each day and go to the farm before Mary gets up and outlines your work for the day!

I wish for you the best in retirement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Harry Carter". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Harry Carter".

EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

DECATUR, MISSISSIPPI 39327

February 27, 1991

Dr. Brad J. Tucker, Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
P. O. Box 129
Decatur, Mississippi 39327

Dear Dr. Tucker:

I congratulate you for your forty years of service to East Central Community College. You are commended for the excellent leadership given. I consider you to be the person most responsible for the progress which the college has made during the past forty years.

You have the ability to work with all kinds of people. You are respected by the Administration, Faculty, Staff, and Students.

I wish for you many happy years of retirement and want you to know that you will be missed. Thank you for the friendship and assistance that you have given to me.

Sincerely,



Chester Clark, Assistant Director
Vocational-Technical Instruction

CC/bs



Dr. Brad Tucker
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Dr. T

I have put this off as long as possible thinking that you might change your mind. The purchase of the fishing equipment is quite convincing though.

It has been a privilege for me to count you as a friend over the years. I am aware of more than one situation that you were very much on my side when I needed a friend. For this I am most grateful.

In 1953 as a student I remember you as an agriculture instructor. I think everyone thought of you as being friendly and fair. These characteristics along with honesty, integrity, and all the good traits I cannot enumerate, we still recognize.

However, sometimes I'm not real sure in the game of dominoes. I believe while Dr. E is holding the domino and explaining a situation, the two of you could be giving signals. The Dr's might be taking advantage of the dummy.

I am so pleased that the Vo-Tech building will wear your name. The building itself cannot realize the honor bestowed upon it but we that know you personally understand how proud it should wear its name.

Thanks for the many understanding moments at work and at play. I truly thank God for men like you.

Best wishes in all your endeavors.

cc Clark
The Domino Dummy,

EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

DECATUR, MISSISSIPPI 39327

OFFICE OF ADULT & CONTINUING EDUCATION

601-635-2111

March 1, 1991

Dr. Bradford J. Tucker
Dean of Instruction
ECCC, Box 5
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Dr. Tucker,

In a few short months, Dr. Bradford J. Tucker will walk out the doors of East Central Community College. When you do, however, you will not leave the college unattended. With you will march the accumulated memories of forty-two years as student, faculty member, and administrator - years filled with laughter and with tears; with comfort and with hardships; with pleasure and with pain.

That is inevitable, yet it is not the most important thing to us, your fellow educators, colleagues, and friends. Rather what is important is that we have had the privilege of knowing someone whose presence will linger long after you have left. You exemplify the professional educator at his best. The people associated with you could not help but benefit from your drive, your energy, and your sense of humor which have carried us through the darkest of times.

No one can deny that you have earned your retirement, and there is no one who is not delighted that you will finally be getting some time for yourself. At the same time, there is no one who does not also realize that when you leave the Administration Building, there will occur a very real and palpable loss to this college, that a part of what has made East Central great will have gone from us; that we will somehow be the less for your absence.

I will miss you Dr. Tucker. You have been a tremendous help to me in my position as Director of Adult and Continuing Education. I am honored that I have had the pleasure of being associated with you on a professional level; and I am overjoyed that I can call you a friend.



May your retirement be filled with the sparkling and golden days you so richly deserve. Time to spend with family and friends, time to try out that new fishing boat, and time to do whatever you please.

Sincerely,

Gene

Gene Davis, Director
Adult & Continuing Education

February 28, 1991

Dr. Brad Tucker
East Central Community College

Congratulations on your retirement. I've worked for you for about four years now and I appreciate the information, guidance, and advice you have always provided when I've called. I have realized since I was a student at EC that much of the flavor and quality of the college can be traced back to your office. I know that you will keep busy but I hope you will find time to drop by the science building and visit and keep us up to date on what you are doing. Good luck and tanks for everything.

Sincerely,

Ron Davis

Ron Davis

EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

DECATUR, MISSISSIPPI 39327

February 28, 1991

Dr. B. J. Tucker
Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Dr. Tucker:

Congratulations on your retirement from East Central after 40 years of faithful service. I feel very fortunate to have worked under you for 16 years, a short time as your secretary and as faculty secretary the remainder of the time. Your years of experience and dedication will be missed at East Central.

Let me wish for you a very happy and profitable retirement. I hope you will have many years of good health to enjoy doing all the things you have looked forward to when you retire.

Thanks for the 16 years I have enjoyed at East Central and best wishes to you on your retirement.

Sincerely,



Barbara Deaton



EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

DECATUR, MISSISSIPPI 39327

March 1, 1991

Dr. Brad J. Tucker
Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
P. O. Box 129
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Dr. Tucker,

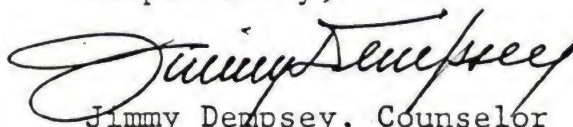
For such a long time you have been a stabilizing factor in the continuous growth of East Central Community College. You will certainly be missed but we all wish you the best of retirement years. May they be as productive as the years you've spent in education. Your influence has contributed to so many lives and so very many people have benefited by knowing you.

East Central has meant so much to me for these last fourteen months and since late July or early August, I have felt a real part of the East Central Family, for you see that was the first time you initiated a conversation and complimented me. Needless to say it made my day and I want to thank you for that.

You, sir, fit into the category of "Educator", since you go above and beyond the call of duty. East Central is a much better place because of you.

Thank you again for being an "Educator" we can admire and respect.

Respectfully,



Jimmy Dempsey, Counselor
Vo-Tech Division





February 28, 1991

Dr. Brad Tucker
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Dr. Tucker:

Congratulations on you retirement! In the past 40 years you have touched the lives of many people.

In the past two and a half years you have helped me tremendously and you made me feel like I belong at East Central. You have always been there, ready to help, when any of the teachers needed help. I know you will be happy when you no longer have to make sure all of the textbooks are ordered and that they are the correct edition.

You will be missed around here. Make sure you are not a stranger. Take it easy and enjoy all that life has to offer, you deserve it.

Sincerely yours,

Michele Ergle

Michele Ergle

February 20, 1991

Dear Dr. Tucker,

Your years at East Central have been many. They have been full of rewards that could not have been achieved in any other field of employment.

The time that I have been employed at East Central has been made richer by working with you. May your retirement years be as rewarding as the past.

Best wishes for many years to come.

Good Luck,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kathy George". The signature is fluid and elegant, with the first name "Kathy" and last name "George" clearly distinguishable.

Kathy George

Dr. Bradford J. Tucker
Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Dr. Tucker,

Although I have not had the privilege of serving under your leadership for very long, it is quite apparent that East Central Community College has benefited in many ways under your capable and insightful leadership.

It has been a pleasure to get to know and work with you this year.

It is also a privilege to congratulate you on your retirement. I trust the Lord to give you many more years of good health to pursue the many avenues of interest that will keep you busy in the years to come.

Sincerely,

Conrad R. Germany

Conrad R. Germany
Auto Body Instructor
East Central Community College

EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

DECATUR, MISSISSIPPI 39327

February 28, 1991

Dr. Brad Tucker
Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Dr. Tucker:

Congratulations on your retirement! Your length of service to East Central Community College is certainly noteworthy and we are delighted to have this opportunity to mark such a memorable occasion.

Let us take this opportunity to thank you for your assistance to both of us as we have undertaken the task of teaching classes at East Central. Your patience and encouragement have been greatly appreciated and we are certain that the help you have given to us is characteristic of how you have dealt with many "first time instructors" through the years.

Also, we thank you for your continued support of the Baptist Student Union both on East Central's campus and through your church. Your strong influence will certainly endure on the East Central campus for many years to come.

Again -- congratulations and we wish you much happiness in the future!

Sincerely,

Laurie and Tim Glaze

Laurie and Tim Glaze



February 4, 1991

Dr. Bradford J. Tucker, Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
P.O. Box 129
Decatur, Mississippi 39327

Dear Dr. Tucker:

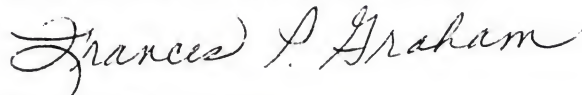
I have known you for over fifteen years. I first met you as a student at East Central Junior College in 1975. You taught me Sociology as a Freshman. I will never forget your caring and understanding attitude in the classroom.

I finally graduated from East Central Junior College in 1981. A task that I feel would have been impossible without your guidance and help.

Even though you are leaving East Central Community College, a part of you remains behind in the lessons you so patiently taught me. Thank you for all of your kind words of wisdom and gracious support.

You will be missed not only for your knowledge but for your friendship as well. I wish you all the love and happiness possible in your retirement.

Your friend and former student,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frances P. Graham". The signature is fluid and elegant, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Frances P. Graham

EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

DECATUR, MISSISSIPPI 39327

March 1, 1991

Dr. Branford J. Tucker
Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Dr. Tucker:

June 30, 1991, will be a day that will evoke mixed emotions for me: sadness because it will mark the end of your career at East Central, but happiness because you will begin to enjoy that long-awaited retirement.

Since returning to East Central in 1972 to teach in the Computer Technology program, I have dialed extension 202 many times seeking an answer to a problem. Invariably, because of your knowledge and expertise, you were always willing and able to provide the solution. It has been reassuring to me to know that there was one person on campus who could be counted upon for assistance regardless of the problem.

Even though it is difficult to envision East Central without you in the Dean's office, your retirement is well deserved, and my fondest wish is that the future will bring much happiness to both Mary and you.

Sincerely yours,



Sara Griffin



February 25, 1991

Dear Dr. Tucker,

The years have been long but I am sure, as you are, they have been rewarding. You have served many students in many ways and made their lives better for having known you. My years here at East Central have been greatly influenced by your presence.

May your retirement years be full and enjoyable. Wishing you luck and happiness, take the time to enjoy life.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah Griffin". The signature is fluid and elegant, with the first name "Sarah" and last name "Griffin" clearly distinguishable.

Sarah Griffin

EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

DECATUR, MISSISSIPPI 39327

February 18, 1991

Dr. Brad Tucker
Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 39327

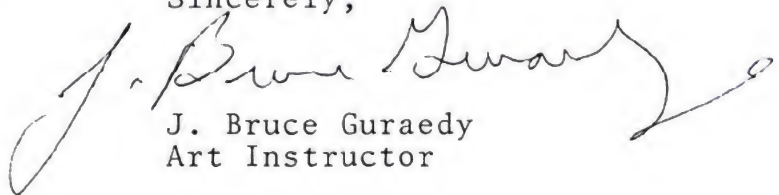
Dear Dr. Tucker:

It will be difficult to get use to another dean other than you. For over 15 years you have been an inspiration to me as well as other faculty members. I will always see you as the father of deans. You recruited me for my first and only teaching job that I hope to keep till I retire. I probably would not be here if it wasn't for sympathetic administrators like yourself who approved virtually every request I asked for in my department.

You are one of the few outside the field of art that recognizes a need for an art curriculum in the educational system. Your opinions and advice contributed much to the success of my art program.

You will be deeply missed, especially by me! Your guidance and teachings will always be remembered. Thanks for making my 15 years of teaching an enjoyment that I will never forget. God bless you!

Sincerely,


J. Bruce Guraedy
Art Instructor

EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

DECATUR, MISSISSIPPI 39327

February 28, 1991

Dr. Brad Tucker
Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Dr. Tucker:

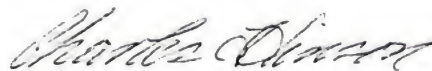
May I join with your many friends and associates in congratulating you, not only on your retirement, but for having served as Dean of Instruction for thirty years -- longer than any of the present deans in Mississippi. This is something to be proud of!

During my eight years at East Central, I have come to know you as a very hard-working, dedicated professional whose prudence will make the office you vacate a very difficult one to fill.

My family and I will always be grateful to you for having recommended me for employment at East Central. The job has not only provided a salary, but enabled my wife and son to complete the first two years of their college education. By attending ECCC, our son was able to spend an additional two years at home. East Central also provided the opportunity for me to teach him and enjoy having him as a member of the choir. This will always be memorable for me -- thanks to you!

May God richly bless you with many years of good health and a very long, happy retirement.

Respectfully yours,



Charles W. Hinson



EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

DECATUR, MISSISSIPPI 39327

February 28, 1991

Dr. B. J. Tucker
Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Dr. Tucker:

Congratulations on your retirement from East Central after 40 years of dedicated service. Although I have been a member of the faculty for only 10 years, I have come to appreciate your work, dedication and leadership.

East Central is indeed fortunate to have a man of your caliber, preparation, and understanding as its Dean of Instruction. The work that you have done here will be long remembered by those of us who have been fortunate enough to work under you.

Let me wish for you a very happy and profitable retirement. You will now have the time to do all those things that you have promised yourself you would do when time permitted.

Again, congratulations and best wishing.

Sincerely,

Roberta Holt

Roberta Holt



EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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March 1, 1991

Dr. Brad J. Tucker
Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 39327-0129

Dear Dr. Tucker:

Needless to say I will greatly miss you! Our association here at work has been a very good learning experience and I appreciate your patience and understanding over the past six years.

I wish you the very best in your future retirement!

Sincerely,



Sandra N. Hooker

Dear Dr. Tucker:

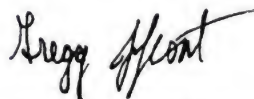
I want to congratulate you on your many years of service to East Central Community College. When I came to East Central as a coach/psychology instructor and later returned as the academic counselor, the guidance you provided certainly helped me to grow into these positions. I want you to know I am grateful.

Your ability to professionally manage confrontation and conflict is impressive. I'm sure you had many opportunities to become vengeful and negative, but these qualities were never revealed in any of your professional activities.

On the other hand, it's a bit disturbing to me that I'm working with a superior who has a building named after him. I thought legends like yourself were supposed to be dead before this occurred. Pertaining to your longevity, I have to thank you for your assistance in my doctoral work related to the history of Mississippi Community Colleges. I believe I had an unfair advantage over my classmates, since you were available as a "live" source of information.

Be assured that I wish the best for you and your family during your retirement. I suggest ya'll purchase a van and buy season football tickets for the upcoming Ole Miss, excuse me, Mississippi State (?) football (?) season.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Gregg Jefcoat".

Gregg Jefcoat
Academic Counselor

February 28, 1991

Dr. Bradford J. Tucker
Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
P.O. Box 129
Decatur, Mississippi 39327

Dear Dr. Tucker:

Congratulations on your retirement! It has certainly been a pleasure for me to work under your administration. I have grown both professionally and spiritually. Certainly, I thank you for giving me an opportunity to be a part of the East Central Community College family.

May God Bless You,


Gloria Johnson

EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

DECATUR, MISSISSIPPI 39327

OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION
Bubby Johnston, Director

601-635-2111

February 20, 1991

Dr. Bradford J. Tucker
Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Dr. Tucker,

Congratulations on your retirement!

Although I have only been a member of the East Central Community College staff a few years, I can honestly say it is very evident that no one has shown more dedication and hard work on behalf of East Central than you, Dr. Tucker.

It is very obvious that you love East Central and all its "family" members. I know you consistently serve the college "beyond the call of duty" and for that reason, I am very pleased that the Board of Trustees has agreed to name the vocational-technical building in your honor.

The Bradford J. Tucker Applied Technology Center will be a lasting monument to someone who, for many years, has been regarded as the "Dean of Deans" among colleges and universities in the State of Mississippi. The naming of the vo-tech complex is also a fitting tribute for the 40 years you have served on the East Central campus.

On a more personal note, I would like to thank you and the other committee members who selected me as the college's public information director.

I will always be grateful for the opportunity you and the others gave me to "re-enter" the public relations field. Also, I am very appreciative of the support you have provided me over the past four years. You have always been very complimentary of my work and I am very thankful for all you have done for me.

Again congratulations on your retirement.



I hope the fish are always bittin' (when you want them to) and the farmwork and yard duties will be kept at a minimum (when you also want them to).

Best wishes to you and your family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bubby". The signature is written in dark ink and has a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Bubby Johnston
Public Information Director

February 20, 1991

Dear Dr. Tucker,

Dr. Tucker, Congratulations, upon your well-deserved retirement after so many years of service to East Central Community College.

Because of your excellent administrative leadership abilities and your dedication to the faculty and students, East Central has excelled during your years of service.

I have enjoyed working with you the past two years and wish you many happy years of retirement.

Best wishes,

Melissa Lewis

Melissa Lewis

February 26, 1991

Dr. Brad Tucker
Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 39327

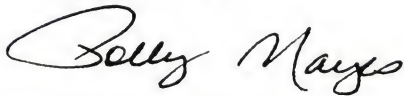
Dear Dr. Tucker:

Congratulations on your approaching retirement. I will remember the "Dean of Deans" as the one who encouraged all of us to strive to reach our fullest potential. The example you have set will continue to encourage myself and others.

Thank you for the leadership and guidance you have provided for East Central. As a former student and instructor I know your work has been and will continue to be a guiding light for us.

May God's richest blessings be with you and your family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Polly Mayes". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Polly Mayes, Instructor
Drafting & Design Instructor

Decatur, MS
February 27, 1991

Dr. Brad J. Tucker
Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Dr. Tucker,

We would like to congratulate you on your forty years of service to East Central! More than that, we would like to thank you for your contributions to the school and to those with whom you have worked. You have been one of the main reasons for the progress that ECCC has made during this time.

We would also like to thank you for what you have meant to us personally during the years we have worked with you. We have found you always to be a very congenial person with whom to work, and we appreciate the support you have given us in every situation. Your friendship will always be valued.

We send our best wishes to you for a fulfilling life as you retire. May you enjoy many years of good health, rewarding activities, and family fellowship.

With our best wishes,

Raymond Mc. Mullan
Lois Mc. Mullan

Raymond McMullan
Lois McMullan

EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

DECATUR, MISSISSIPPI 39327

February 19, 1991

Dr. Brad Tucker
Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Dr. Tucker:

Congratulations upon reaching a well-deserved milestone in your life. Since you have spent the majority of your life serving others, now it's time for you to enjoy doing things for yourself.

Dr. Tucker, when I think of you, I think of the gentlemanly professional manner that you have always exemplified in your working with me as I conducted my day-to-day school activities. You have made me feel free to contact you with the least problem as well as the bigger ones. Even as busy as you might have been, you always had the time for an answer.

I can sincerely say that I have enjoyed working with you and wish you the best as you enjoy your retirement years.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Pitts
Business Technology Instructor

See that Mary keeps you plenty of those good pecan pralines on hand for snacks.




February 25, 1991

Dear Dr. Tucker,

Congratulations to you on
your retirement from E.C. Your
guidance and encouragement has
meant so much to so many.

We wish for you the very
best as you now will have
a chance to enjoy your hobbies.
Maybe, too, you'll find time to
do all those things you've been
wanting to do --- but didn't
have time.

We want you to know, too,
how much your friendship meant
to us when Ken "lost-out" at E.C.
The next school year was especially
hard and "awkward" for me but you
helped me to make-out the year.

Again - Congratulations and
thanks for all you've done to
make E.C. what it today --- an
Outstanding academic school.

Sincerely,
Alice Pouncey

EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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February 28, 1991

Dr. Brad Tucker
Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Dr. Tucker:

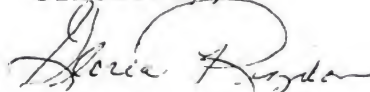
I would like to extend my congratulats to you on this momentous occasion.

Although I have worked for you only 9 years, I have seen in that time your dedication to East Central Community College. Your hard work, loyalty, and dedication will long be remembered.

I wish for you the very best. I know your grandchildren will be excited that you can spend more time with them. While you are fishing and farming on beautiful days you can think back on those of us left behind to carry on the work at East Central.

Again, congratulations and best wishes to you on your retirement.

Sincerely,



Gloria Rigdon

February 16, 1991

Dr. Bradford J. Tucker
Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
P.O. Box 129
Decatur, Mississippi 39327

Dear Dr. Tucker:

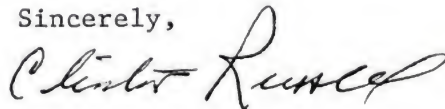
I was a high school student during your first years of employment as our high school agriculture teacher. I would like to express my appreciation for the many hours you spent in helping to mold my life.

East Central Community College and its students have been very fortunate to have had the educational leadership you have provided. The former students and those presently enrolled will continue to benefit, for many years to come, from your expertise and leadership.

I, along with my family, will always cherish the friendship that our families have enjoyed through the years. It was such a pleasure to watch the children grow up together. I have many fond memories of the ballgames and cookouts that we enjoyed together.

Dr. Tucker, thank you for your many years of dedication and hard work. I wish you good luck as you begin your new endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Clinton Russell". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Clinton Russell

EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

DECATUR, MISSISSIPPI 39327

March 1, 1991

Dr. Brad Tucker
Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Dr. Tucker:

It has been both a privilege and a pleasure to work for you and with you at East Central Community College. It is hard for me to think about coming to work and not finding you in your office. You know I have always counted on you being there to answer questions no one else could answer and to give me advise on how to handle a particular problem or situation at the college.

Dr. Tucker, from you I learned about professionalism. That is, being dedicated to the institution or agency that you work for, being objective even though personalities sometimes get involved, and about being loyal to the institution or agency that you work for even though you may not always agree with all of the policies.

East Central Community College will miss you Dr. Tucker, and I will miss you too!

Again, it has been a pleasure working with you at East Central. And, as you retire, I wish for you a long, healthy, and happy retirement.

Sincerely,



Lee Ann Scoggin



EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

DECATUR, MISSISSIPPI 39327

February 27, 1991

Dr. Brad J. Tucker
Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
P. O. Box 129
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Dr. Tucker:

Congratulations, Dr. Tucker, upon your approaching retirement from East Central Community College after your many years of service.

Although our professional acquaintance has been for a short time, knowing and working with you has been a pleasure. Your dedication to the field is evident in your quality leadership of faculty and students.

May you have many pleasurable years of retirement enjoying the things you've always wanted to do.

Sincerely,

Lynn Scribner

Lynn Scribner
Vocational-Technical Counselor

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EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

DECATUR, MISSISSIPPI 39327

February 25, 1991

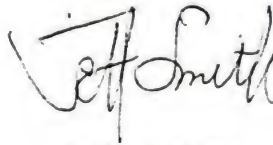
Dear Dr. Tucker,

I wish to extend to you my sincere and profound congratulations upon your retirement from service to East Central. Your professional longevity and growth will long stand as models and inspiration for all members of the faculty, staff, and administration at the college. I feel confident in my belief that you have played a vital role in the life of the college and the community. I am equally confident that all persons affiliated with East Central will greatly miss your guidance. A very special person will be required to fill the vacancy created by your absence.

Thank you for all of the support that you have given me during my two years at East Central. I always felt free to approach you in order to discuss ideas or problems, and you always responded in a concerned, forthright, and informed manner.

I genuinely hope that your retirement proves as enriching and rewarding to you as your career has been.

Sincerely,



Jeff Smith
English Department

EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Decatur, Mississippi 39327

Office of the Dean of Students

635-2111 Ext 205

February 28, 1991

Dr. Brad Tucker
Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Dr. Tucker:

Thanks for the memories! Our association over the past three years has been a short one, but one which I will always remember. It is not often that one gets to work with a legend.

My most prized memories are your recollections of the history of the Mississippi community college system and East Central in particular. Perhaps you will write your memoirs or at least a history of East Central which will record the early development of the college.

I wish you the best in your retirement. You will probably have more to do than before you retired. The farm and your yard will keep you busy enough.

We all hope that retirement will not keep you off campus. Maybe you won't need to go to all of the away games, but we will expect to see you at the home games. Also, there will be many other activities on campus where we will look for you.

Again, thanks for all the help and advice you have given me.

Sincerely yours,



Phil A. Sutphin
Dean of Students

EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

DECATUR, MISSISSIPPI 39327

February 25, 1991

Dr. Brad Tucker;

Thirty years ago next August, I arrived on the campus of East Central "Junior College", seeking my first employment in the field of education.

I believe I was very fortunate in that one of the first people I met was Dr. Brad Tucker. I was most fortunate to begin my career under the "Dean of Deans" of the Mississippi Junior/Community College system.

What little success I may have had as an instructor is due to your leadership, encouragement, and example. The high standards of professionalism you have set for yourself, and demanded of those working under you have greatly contributed to the reputation of academic excellence and professionalism currently enjoyed by East Central Community College.

For these and many other reasons, there is no one more deserving than you of having the Vocational center named for them. To me, this honor is nothing more than the highly deserved public recognition of your contributions to East Central Community College and the Community Junior College system of Mississippi.

Apart from our professional relationship, there is the equally treasured personal relationship. The fishing trips, the domino games, and even an unsuccessful duck hunting expedition have all been a pleasure.

You have provided me with an irreplaceable professional learning experience and the personal enjoyment of your friendship. What more could one ask?

I hope your retirement will be long and leisurely, allowing you to do all the things which will bring you enjoyment.

With appreciation and sincerity,

Tommy Thrash



EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

DECATUR, MISSISSIPPI 39327

February 19, 1991

Dr. Bradford J. Tucker
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Dr. Tucker:

It is difficult to imagine East Central without you, especially since you are the person who is responsible for my being here. Some of my fondest memories are of working with Mary in the office when Ovid and I first married. I'm sure she covered up for a lot of my mistakes, and I appreciate that. We also had some good times together while we survived two business managers and two presidents. Come to think of it, we might have been part of the reason they didn't stay!

I know that you are anticipating your retirement while at the same time being somewhat nostalgic about leaving. Please know that you will be greatly missed and that your contributions to the development of East Central will remain as reminders long after you have retired.

Sincerely,



Carol Vickers



February 28, 1991

Dr. Bradford J. Tucker
Dean of Instruction
East Central Community College
P.O. Box 129
Decatur, Mississippi 39327

Dear Dr. Tucker:

Congratulations on your retirement! After attaining many achievements and awards during a lifetime of service to East Central, you are certainly entering into a well deserved retirement.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the strong support you have given the library as well as the confidence in and kindness to me during my sixteen year tenure at East Central. East Central has been strengthened through your efforts and guidance. Even though I cannot imagine an East Central without you, I know your influence will have a lasting effect.

As you look forward to all those fun things you plan to do, remember you will still have check-out privileges at the library. Best wishes for the future.

May God Bless,

Gail Wood

Gail Wood

By: Representative Comans

To:

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. _____

1. A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING DR. BRADFORD J. TUCKER UPON
2. HIS RETIREMENT FROM EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

3. WHEREAS, Dr. Bradford J. Tucker, a native of Leake County, is
4. retiring from his position as Dean of Instruction from East Central
5. Community College where he earned the highest degree of respect
6. from students and colleagues during his 30 years of dedicated
7. service in that capacity; and

8. WHEREAS, he distinguished himself early in his life as a
9. scholar by graduating valedictorian from Edinburg High School,
10. earning an associate of arts degree, with honors, from East Central
11. Junior College, bachelor of science, master of science and
12. education doctorate degrees from Mississippi State University and
13. performing postgraduate study at the University of Texas and
14. University of Southern Mississippi; and

15. WHEREAS, he showed devotion to his country by serving in the
16. United States Navy during World War II and showed dedication to his
17. state by serving in the education profession for a total of 42
18. years, during which time he taught at Benton High School, Decatur
19. Agricultural High School and East Central Junior College, where he
20. also served as farm manager, department chairman and Dean of
21. Instruction; and

22. WHEREAS, his divine wisdom and hard work in education is
23. recognized by his many accomplishments such as receiving
24. scholarships from the W. W. Kellogg Foundation, election to the
25. honorary scholastic organizations of Phi Theta Kappa, Alpha Zeta,
26. Alpha Tau Alpha and Phi Kappa Phi, and receiving an annual award
27. from the National Dairy Products Association for Superior
28. Achievement for the State of Mississippi; and

29. WHEREAS, his extensive collateral experience has included work
30. with Kellogg Leadership Programs in junior and community college
31. organization and administration, serving as an officer in the State
32. Vocational Association, chairing the State Junior College Dean's
33. Association, chairing the common numbering system for the state's
34. public junior colleges, and writing all the Title III proposals
35. under the Higher Education Act since 1967 for the college; and

36. WHEREAS, having exercised all of his education, experience and
37. training, he has made invaluable contribution to the quality of
38. education, not only to East Central Community College but also to
39. the entire State of Mississippi; and

40. WHEREAS, in recognition of his many years providing
41. productive, reflective and visionary leadership, the Name Selection
42. Committee of East Central Community College unanimously recommended
43. that the Vocational Technical Center be appropriately named the
44. Bradford J. Tucker Applied Technology Center; and

45. WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Legislature to recognize and
46. commend citizens who have exemplified superior service and
47. dedication to the State of Mississippi and its people:

48. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
49. OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN, That we
50. commend and congratulate Dr. Bradford J. Tucker for his outstanding
51. achievements working for the betterment of education in
52. Mississippi, and we offer our best wishes for his happy retirement.

53. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be

54. furnished to Dr. Bradford J. Tucker, to East Central Community
55. College and the Capitol Press Corps.

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And Finally A Note For Mary

Dear Mary,

Due to the crisis ahead, make sure two rockers are empty. We may have a dire need to discuss Brad and A. J., and ECCC.

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